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Similar remarks to those made in the note on p. vii to the second volume apply to the third. The formal entries relating to admittances to and viewing of chambers have been omitted, and the regular entries which occur at certain intervals, such as allowances to watchmen and other officers of the Inn, the assessment of pensions, when single, and fines for non-attendance at vacations, have, as a rule, also been left out. Owing to the large increase in the amount of business, transacted principally at the Bench Table, towards the end of the seventeenth and during the eighteenth century, such matters, other than those before referred to, as are formal, both in the Acts of Parliament and Bench Table Orders, have been calendared as shortly as possible; at the same time everything of general interest has been abstracted fully. The headings to the minutes of the several Parliaments and Bench Tables which show the attendances, became so frequent and occupy so much space, that it has been thought it would meet all requirements to summarize the attendances at the beginning of each year, and this course has been adopted from the commencement of the reign of William and Mary (p. 259).

The accounts have been dealt with in the same manner as in the earlier volumes, the first account for each reign being abstracted fully, and some intermediate accounts being treated in a like way.

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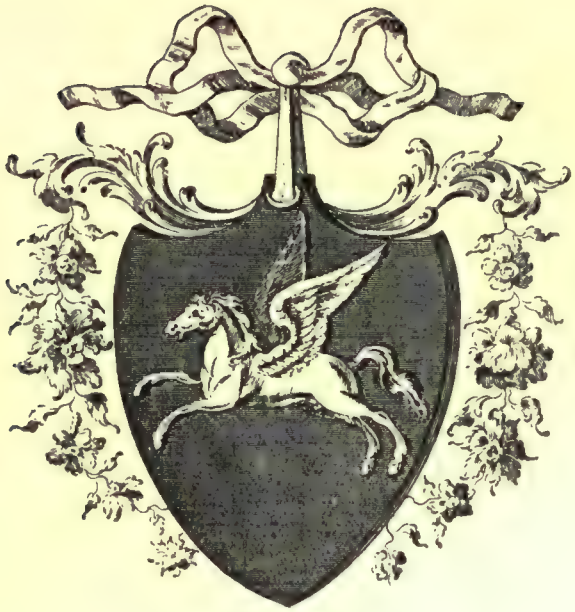

INTRODUCTION.

CHARLES II

THE Inner Temple, like other parts of the country, was well prepared for the restoration of the monarchy. Mr. Richard Goddard, a royalist, who had been elected treasurer in October, 1659, remained in office until the election of Sir Heneage Finch, the king's solicitor-general, in November, 1661. Barristers favourable to the royal cause were put on the bench, and serjeants-at-law were created. Those members of our society who were qualified took part in the coronation procession, and the usual bonfires attested the loyalty of the gentlemen of the inns of court. But the entire community was occupied with the change of government and its consequential difficulties. The disposal of the regicides, the disbanding of the army, the distribution of places, the reconstitution of the judicial benches, the re-establishment of the church, and the passage of the new prayer book through the house of commons were matters requiring not a few months for their elaboration and many more to carry them into effect, so that subjects of minor importance were treated as of no account. In other respects the current of the inn flowed on as before, and nothing of moment

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happened to trouble the peace of the inn until the outbreak of the plague in 1665.

In Michaelmas term, 1660, the new serjeants, of whom there were fourteen, comprising six from our inn, met in the Inner Temple hall and, after counting, went in procession to the court of common pleas, where they were received by the chancellor and the judges. A long and detailed account of the ceremony is given by Siderfin, who was present, and it is repeated by Foss.[1] It was similar to previous creations of serjeants, although, the number being larger, there was probably a greater attendance and more display.

On Thursday, the 15th of August, 1661, Sir Heneage Finch, Bart., solicitor-general, being reader of the inn, gave his feast in the antient hall. This, as it then stood, had a large window at the east end, to which light was admitted over a small low library, which occupied the ground between the hall and the new brick buildings. It also had short windows to the north, over some chambers of one story called Twisden's buildings, and long windows to the south, through which the light came without interruption. The eastern window was filled with large coats of arms, including those of Edward the Confessor, Queen Elizabeth, King James I., and numerous distinguished noblemen and chancellors. A list of these, some twenty-four in all, as they then existed, is given in Dugdale's "Origines Juridiciales,"[2] Sir Thomas Littelton, K.B., the author of the "Tenures," being the only person, not a nobleman or a chancellor, honoured with a place in that window. In those on the north side were twelve coats, on the south were twenty coats—showing, as appears from old drawings, that the windows looking southward were nearly twice the depth of those looking towards the north.[3] To this feast the king was bidden. He came in the royal barge from Whitehall accompanied by the Duke of York, the lord chancellor, various ministers of state, and a great number of the nobility. A portion of the retaining wall being removed to provide a landing stage for the royal party, the king and his company landed from the river in the Inner Temple garden, where they were received by the reader and by Sir Orlando Bridgman, a former member of the inn, but now chief justice of the

[1] "Judges," vol. vii., p. 32.

[2] Fo. 184-185.

[3] Dugdale, fo. 186, gives these coats of arms.

common pleas, in his robes of office and his collar of SS. The following description is given by Dugdale, garter king-at-arms, who was probably present on the occasion:

"On each side as his majesty passed stood the reader's servants in scarlet cloaks and white tabba doublets; there being a way made through the wall into the Temple Garden, and above them on each side the benchers, baristers and other gentlemen of the society, all in their gowns and formalities the loud music playing from the time of his landing till he entred the hall; where he was received with xx violins, which continued as long as his majesty stayed. Dinner was brought up by fifty select gentlemen of the society in their gowns who gave their attendance all dinner while, none other appearing in the hall but themselves; the King and the Duke of York sitting under a canopy of state at a table set at the upper end of the hall, advanced three steps above the rest. The Lord Chancellor with the rest of the noblemen sitting at a long table on the right side of the hall; and the reader with those of the society on the other side."[1]

After the dinner the Duke of York, the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Dorset and Secretary Morris were admitted members of the society. At the first ensuing parliament, viz.: on 3rd November, 1661, the Duke of York was by special order called to the bar and also to the bench, and an order was made that his arms be set up in the eastern window of the hall. A transcript of the order calling the duke to the bench was framed and glazed and, until a comparatively recent date, was still to be seen in the parliament chamber.[2]

In 1671 the king and the duke again honoured the treasurer with their presence on Candlemass day, on which occasion the hall was again arranged for their reception, and a performance of "The Committee," a comedy by Sir R. Howard, was given for their entertainment by the players of the king's house. The reader's feast of 1661 was the last of the great entertainments chronicled by Dugdale or by any later historian. Other festivities were honoured by the presence of kings, queens, and great officers of state, but they were of a more modern type and were wanting in those picturesque details which delight the artist and the antiquary. p. 81

In November, 1661, an order was made by the benchers with p. 6

[1] Dugdale's "Origines Juridiciales," fo. 157.

[2] See Pennant's "London," 4th ed., 1805, p. 142. After leaving the inn the party, according to Pepys, went to the theatre and saw "The Witts," a comedy by Sir William Davenant. (Diary, vol. ii., p. 82.)

the object of reducing the cost of entertainments, so that members might not, by fear of the necessary expense, be hindered taking the post of reader. To prevent possible disorders at Christmas the commons were dissolved from S. Thomas' day to Epiphany, and the penalty of expulsion from chambers was added to other punishments
p. 22 incurred by disorderly conduct. In February, 1663-4, an order was
p. 30 made as to moots. In June, 1664, an order in council was issued to all the inns of court and of chancery nearly identical with that pro-
Vol. ii., p. 83 mulgated by King James in November, 1614. It was signed by the chancellor (Clarendon), by the chief justice, the chief baron, and other judges, and among other details it defined once more the re-
p. 30 spective positions of the barrister and the attorney-at-law, and declared that from henceforth no common attorney or solicitor, "they being ministerial persons of an inferior nature," should be admitted to any of the four houses of court, though they might be admitted, as before, to the inns of chancery.

The plague, which had for many years periodically visited the Temple, found the lawyers as ready as ever to deal with its advance by flying from its contagion. This was the time-honoured and generally successful plan adopted by the inn. On notice of any case of suspicious sickness within the society, commons, moots, and readings were postponed, and the inhabitants betook themselves to the country homes of their parents or their friends. The great
pp. 37-40 scourge of 1665 accordingly found the Temples deserted, and beyond the notices of adjournment in the summers of 1665 and 1666 no record of those dismal months appears in our books.[1] The great fire which occurred in the following year was a matter of far greater concern. It found us entirely unprepared. No appliances for dealing with an extensive fire seem to have been anywhere provided or even understood. Although the inn was well supplied with water from the New River and an unlimited quantity was procurable from the Thames, yet there were no means at hand to turn the flow of water on to the burning piles. The fire commenced about two o'clock in the morning of Sunday, 2nd September, 1666. A north-easterly wind was then blowing and the flames were thus rapidly

[1] Among the burials, however, there are, between August and November, 1665, twelve deaths registered as "of the plague," including that of the steward of the Inner Temple. See Appendix, p. 450.

carried towards the west. During the whole of Sunday and Monday the fire raged through the city, skirting the river-banks to the south-west and reaching Holborn to the north. On Tuesday the 4th it had arrived at Whitefriars, on the eastern boundary of the Inner Temple. Fleet Street, Ludgate Hill, and Fetter Lane were in flames, and it seemed that nothing could save the inn with its venerable church. During the night, however, the wind fell, and with it the great onward force of the fire slackened, so that on Wednesday, the 5th, hopes were entertained of saving the western suburbs of the city.

The solidity of the brick building recently erected in King's Bench Walk gave a temporary check to the advance of the fire, and the judicious use of gunpowder within our walls, by making open spaces, hindered the further progress of the flames. Thus, though a great portion of the inn was destroyed, yet the fire was stayed at the confines of the church, and the flames which had swallowed up the cathedral of King Ethelbert, spared the chapel of the knights templars. On Thursday evening, the 6th, the fire broke out again in the Inner Temple owing, as was supposed, to some sparks falling upon a pile of wooden buildings. But the templars with their servants, acting under the orders of the Duke of York,[1] a bencher of the inn, who remained all night and personally superintended the operations, succeeded before morning, by the free use of gunpowder, in stopping the progress of the flames and saving the inn from further destruction. In this they were also aided by the soldiers who had been sent to the city to assist in dealing with the fire, by the sailors from the fleet, and by four engineers whom the benchers employed to aid in the demolition of buildings within the inn. The exact amount of injury done to the Temple is not easily ascertained. A map in the possession of the society has a line drawn across it showing the limits of the fire, and the investigations which I have been able to make into this subject show the line to be substantially accurate. According to this map, which was published by John Ogilby in 1677, the whole of what is now known as King's Bench Walk, the Alienation buildings, Mitre Court buildings, Tanfield Court, a block corresponding with and then known as Lamb buildings, the whole of the buildings upon the

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[1] "London Gazette," 8th Sept., 1666.

area now covered by the library, the class rooms and the parliament chamber with the offices below, were consumed by the fire. The church appears to have been nearly touched at the south-eastern corner, but in other respects to have been saved by reason of its open position, although it was dangerously surrounded by small shops built up against its southern and western walls. All the houses from the north of the churchyard and from King's Bench Walk to Fleet Street, including Ram Alley, Mitre Court, and Serjeant's Inn, were burnt to the ground, but the Inner Temple Lane, the gateway built in the time of King James I., and the buildings immediately abutting upon it seem to have escaped. Fig Tree Court does not appear to have come under the direct influence of the fire. It was probably burnt or partially blown up during the Wednesday or the Thursday night when the fire broke out again in the Temple. The object in blowing up this portion of Fig Tree Court would have been to save the antient hall and the cloisters which communicated with the church in the preservation of which both societies were jointly interested. The entries in the records corroborate the line of Ogilby's map, and show that the following buildings were undoubtedly destroyed:

p. 43 King's Bench Walk, including the Crown Office, the King's Bench Office, and the small lodges adjoining the river.

p. 50 The Alienation Office in its large garden and the Exchequer Office.

The buildings by Ram Alley (formerly called Fuller's Rents) at the top of King's Bench Walk and the Alienation garden.

p. 42 Tanfield Court.

p. 44 The Master's house, which stood to the north of the church and of Tanfield Court.

The whole or the greater part of Fig Tree Court.

p. 43 The end of the Inner Temple hall was burnt and narrowly escaped destruction.

It is probable also that much damage was done which is included under the headings of repairs, rebuildings of staircases, and similar entries. The Middle Temple, including the cloisters, was not touched by fire upon this occasion, unless it may have been affected by the partial destruction of Fig Tree Court. Old Paper Buildings, the subject of much discussion in previous reigns, with their gravel court yards and their galleries looking into the garden where Selden and his friends congregated, were left intact, though the trees under

which the templars were wont to walk must have suffered considerably. Serjeants Inn in Fleet Street, the principal home of the serjeants and the judges, which stood in a garden adjoining the Inner Temple was, with its hall, its chapel and its kitchen, burnt to the ground. According to Dugdale[1] the windows of the hall or refectory of the serjeants contained, in 1664, as many as forty-three coats of arms of fellows of the inn. The chapel, in its south window, also had one coat, that of Serjeant Bedlowes, who died in 1596. The hall was rebuilt at the cost of the then fellows of the inn, but the judges and serjeants thenceforward mainly used the smaller and more modern Serjeants Inn in Chancery Lane.

The gateway, at the entrance to Inner Temple lane, had been rebuilt in 1610 by John Bennet, one of the king's sergeants at arms, who had received his appointment on the 14th of July, 1609.[2] It was surmounted by a handsomely decorated house projecting slightly into Fleet Street. It contained three stories of rooms, one of which was and still is decorated with the badge and cypher of Henry Prince of Wales, eldest son of King James, who died in November, 1612. The second and third floors projected each beyond the other, and the first and second had large bay windows facing the street. The exterior was decorated with the Prince of Wales' feathers and other emblems. On the third or upper story, was a gallery from which the household could, on occasions, assemble to witness the various processions entering and leaving the city. Behind this gallery were the upper rooms of the house, surmounted by two gables, one immediately over the gateway and one towards the east. The space occupied by our gateway was about half the breadth of the house, to which the entrance was through a door to the east. It was called the *Prince's Arms*, a name which it retained for many generations.[3] S. Dunstan's church and two or three houses to the eastward on either side of the road were all in Fleet Street that survived the great fire. Of the buildings, except the church, now to be found in the Inner Temple, this gateway and certain work connected with the

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[1] "Origines Juridiciales," fo. 326, 331.

[2] "Sta. Pap., Dom., Jac. I.," vol. xlvii., no. 33. Docquet.

[3] An interesting account of this old gateway and house is given by Mr. Philip Norman, Tr.S.A., in the "Home Counties Magazine" for the present year, 1900, vol. ii., pp. 227-236, and 321-330.

hall, referred to in a previous volume, are all that remain to the society of that which was standing before the fire of London.[1]

p. 5 Dr. Ball, who was appointed master of the Temple in February, 1661, had a chamber allotted to his use without payment of rent. He felt, however, that the providing of a suitable house for the master was "a matter of civil as well as of sacred concern." And p. 23 the two societies, concurring in that sentiment, resolved in May, 1664, that, upon his building such a house in the garden at the east end of the church, he should have the exclusive use of the same so long as he remained master of the Temple. The benchers of the Inner Temple p. 25 in furtherance of this object gave Dr. Ball out of their funds the sum of £100 towards the cost of such building. In January, 1664-5, the building being apparently complete, Dr. Ball, in a petition to this p. 34 house, after thankfully acknowledging the help and the sympathy which he had received from the society, stated that beyond the £100 which he had thus acquired he had already expended over £150, and prayed for some alleviation of the burthen he had taken upon himself. This was referred to a committee, and upon their report in p. 35 February, 1665, a further sum of £100 was granted to the master "to be paid out of the treasury of this house towards his great disbursements about the building of his house in the garden at the east end of the church." The master had thus been little more than a year in his new home when his exertions and his self denials were p. 44 rendered nugatory by the great fire, which burnt down the house he had just succeeded in erecting.

General Accounts, fo. 100 The payments in respect of this fire appear to have been as follows :

"To Mr. Lyster of the bench for defraying the charges of the fire, £100.

p. 41 To Samuel Hale for watching in the fire time, £1 15*s*.

To 4 engineers that worked at the fire by order of the bench, £4.

To Spiers the grocer for half a barrel of powder used in the time of the fire, £1 8*s*.

To Fifield for his attendance after the fire, £6.

To a soldier of Kingston for service done to prevent the firing of the hall, £2.

To the three butlers for watching, &c., £4.

p. 42 To Richard Row, mariner, £5, and a further £5 given by parliament, £10.

[1] A drawing of these "old buildings, near ye Temple Gate in Fleetstreete," is reproduced in this volume.

To Mrs. Roe, "the seaman's widdy, that hope to putt out the fire at the end of the hall (given in 1668), £2." p. 48 p. 65

On the 28th October, 1666, the benchers commenced proceedings for the reconstruction of the inn. They appointed a committee of nine of their number "to consider of the new buildings to be erected in the house and to take into consideration all the circumstances touching the same." p. 40 On the 30th November a committee of seven with a quorum of three was appointed "to treat with any persons and to settle all matters in reference to the rebuilding of the society," and leave was given for the immediate commencement of a portion of Tanfield Court and of certain chambers in Fig Tree Court. p. 42 On the 27th January, 1666-7, an agreement was made with Francis Phelips, a bencher, for the rebuilding of "those chambers and rooms called King's Bench building, lately consumed by fire." p. 43 This sets out certain conditions upon which the chambers throughout the inn were rebuilt by its members. Phelips was to erect these buildings, at his own cost, and not to be liable to the society for any fine in entering upon them. He, his executors and assigns, were to have a grant of the chambers, when built, for three consecutive lives, with power during that period to admit thereto, and to receive payment of fines for admission, from any persons who were members of the inn. The houses were to be four stories high. The former occupants of chambers were to have a preferential right of admission, and the masters of the crown and of the king's bench offices were to have a right to a treaty with Phelips for the re-erection of their respective offices. In the following February an arrangement was made with Dr. Ball, by which he undertook to lay out £400 in the rebuilding of his house, which had been burnt down. He was to build in brick, and, in consideration thereof, was to have a lease for thirty-one years commencing from his death or his ceasing to be master. He, or his executors, were on the commencement of such thirty-one years to offer the house to the two inns at a rental of £40 a year for the whole time. If they declined, then he or his executors were to offer it to the master for the time being for £40 a year, and if he declined then he or they were to be at liberty to let it to any member or members of either inn at such rents as might be agreed. p. 44 The rebuilding of the chambers by Ram Alley was undertaken by some members of the society in the spring of 1667. pp. 45, 46 Ram Alley itself was

also rebuilt, and those interested in the subject will find the Ram Alley of the restoration under the name of Hare Place. It is entered from Fleet Street between the gateway of Serjeant's Inn and the Mitre Tavern. There is no longer any entrance from Ram Alley to the Temple. Mitre Court and the Mitre Tavern were also rebuilt, and the gate into Mitre Court, as to which frequent orders may be found in the earlier volumes of these records, was re-erected,
p. 50 and is still closed at night and opened in the morning. The Alienation office, with its sets of chambers looking into the Alienation garden, was rebuilt by the crown, and in consideration thereof the king and his successors had the right to admit to such chambers any member of the inn without fees to the society for such admission.

p. 50 Arrangements similar to those with Mr. Phelips were made with any members of the inn who desired to rebuild the chambers
p. 51 which they had occupied, and among others Roger Twisden, son of the judge, was licensed to build on the north side of the hall and to have a lease for two lives. A stipulation was, however, inserted that he should put a leaden roof. Other members, all "burnt interest persons," undertook the building of chambers in continuation
pp. 61 64, 69-70 of those erected by Mr. Phelips in King's Bench Walk. The certifi-
p. 72 cates as to the foundations for these buildings bear the name of Christopher Wren. In respect of this matter he appears to have received, as surveyor-general, a fee of £5. Generally it may be said that any members of the society who lost their chambers by the fire were enabled to rebuild, at their own cost, on the same advantageous terms as were granted to Mr. Phelips and others. The library and a moot chamber under it, at the east end of the hall, were rebuilt by
p. 48 the society during the year 1667 at the cost of £430. They were
p. 53 painted at a cost of £32 15*s.* and were wainscotted at a cost of £136. Towards this expense of £598 15*s.* Sir Heneage Finch contributed
p. 60 the sum of £150, a memorandum of which generous gift was duly entered on the minutes of February, 1668-9. After this "Samuel
p. 80 Walker, painter and herald," was commissioned to paint for the library the escutcheons of past readers at 3*s.* each. Those of new readers were to be paid for at the rate of 5*s.* each. For this work he received
p. 81 in all £28 7*s.* 0*d.*, the price of the arms of 189 past readers at 3*s.* each, and in the following year he put up the arms of six recent readers at the price of 30*s.* The rebuilding of the inn was thus energetically

taken in hand and rapidly completed, so that in February, 1671, the treasurer was able to show to the king and his brother a new temple raised upon the ashes of the old domain. p. 81

During the period of trouble immediately following the great fire, London was thrown into a panic by the appearance of the dutch fleet in the Thames. Our two great warships the "Royal Charles" and the "Royal James," were burnt, and the city was threatened with a blockade. Accounts of the popular feeling at that time are given by Pepys,[1] by Evelyn,[2] and by Macaulay.[3] The town lay helplessly at the mercy of the enemy, and probably our society did all that was practicable or even possible when they appointed two of their servants to keep a good look out "at the time when the Dutch fleet p. 48 came into the River." The enemy dictated their own conditions of peace, and the nation was fain to submit to the defeat and indignity as one of the penalties for a restoration of the Stuarts. But the business of rebuilding their city still occupied the minds of the people, and disregarding for the moment the foreign intrigues of their rulers and the disasters to the fleet, they devoted their energies to the accomplishment of this great object. Thus in the course of some four or five years from the date of the great fire the Inner Temple was rebuilt, and the students and barristers of the society were re-established in their homes under sounder, healthier, and more commodious conditions.

In the spring of 1668-9, one of our periodical contests with the city broke out, and this introduces us to George Jeffryes, then recently called to be a barrister of our society. The Temples had from the earliest times declared themselves to be extra parochial and beyond the jurisdiction of the city authorities, while the latter claimed that the Temples were within the suburbs of the city lying outside the city walls. The subject had been discussed under the common- Vol. ii., pp. 371 372 wealth, when it was held that the Temples were not for any purpose, either of assessment or otherwise, within the jurisdiction of the city of London. The templars also contended that the lord mayor had no right, as lord mayor, to bear up his sword within their confines, and thus assume a jurisdiction equivalent to a royal control over them and their society. On this occasion the lord mayor, Sir William

[1] "Diary," vol. vi., pp. 355-376. [2] "Diary," vol. ii., pp. 24, 25.
[3] "History," vol. i., p. 191.

Turner, had agreed to dine with Mr. Goodfellow, the reader of the Inner Temple, who was about to be created a serjeant at law, and the dinner was fixed for Wednesday, 3rd March, 1668-9. The lord mayor had somehow communicated to the reader his intention of coming in state, with his officers, and of bearing up his sword through the inn and within the hall. Upon this being known the whole society
p. 66 protested, and the reader sent two of the fellows, Thomas Wroth and George Jeffryes to see his lordship and endeavour to accommodate matters. These two gentlemen had an interview with the lord mayor and the aldermen, and pointed out to them that the members of the inn were satisfied that, by law and by precedent, the lord mayor was not entitled to bear up his sword within the Temple, and that they were determined to insist on their rights. If, however, the mayor would accommodate them as to this particular ceremony, he would be received with every mark of cordiality and respect. The mayor then said he would not come at all, but being further pressed
p. 67 by Mr. Jeffryes with personal compliments, hoping thus to come to some agreement, the lord mayor retired to consult with the aldermen. On his return he sent a message to the reader "I will come and dine
p. 68 with him. I will bear up my sword and see who dares to take it down." This challenge to the inn was promptly accepted. In the afternoon of this same day, the lord mayor with the sheriffs and a retinue of officers, came to the Inner Temple, entering through the Inner Temple lane. As the party entered the cloisters they were met by the barristers and students of the inn, who informed the lord mayor that unless he lowered his sword he would not be permitted to enter the hall.[1] On his approaching the hall he found "the great staircase of the hall" thronged with gentlemen and students, some of whom carried their swords under their gowns, determined to maintain the hall against any attempt to enter it by force, and crying out to beat down the sword "in a very loud and rude manner." Upon the mayor still persisting, a rush was made for the sword. It was not captured, but the sword bearer was bruised, and some of the pearls from the scabbard were knocked off in the scuffle. The cap of maintenance was partly pulled off, and some of the

[1] Report of an assault made upon the mayor and aldermen of the city upon the occasion of dining with the reader of the Inner Temple, 1669. "City Records," London, etc., by Sharpe, vol. ii., p. 440.

city marshal's men, having affronted the gentlemen, they were carried off to be put under the pump, "but were not pumped." The students, however, took away the officers' sticks, and beat them with their own weapons. In the result the lord mayor with his retinue took shelter in the chambers of auditor Phillips. Meanwhile the sheriffs, with Sir John Nicholas the recorder, had gone to Whitehall to see the king, who appears to have advised the lord mayor to return to the city. This he attempted to do, but the templars, headed by Mr. Hodges, son of a deceased alderman, and by some other hot-headed youths, assailed his lordship, calling him "Mr. Mayor," and abused the sheriffs in remarkably scurrilous and threatening language. They also beat some of the aldermen and one of the sheriffs, distributed black eyes among the servants, and refused to allow the mayor to depart, if he insisted on bearing up his sword, except by way of Ram Alley, this being regarded as the back door of the inn. The mayor and his party were thus driven back to Mr. Phillips' chambers, and the benchers then interposed. They obtained an undertaking from the gentlemen that the mayor should be allowed to depart without molestation. This he did, though he was accompanied to the gate by the fellows of the inn shouting and jeering at the city party.

This is the account given by the witnesses on behalf of the city. Numerous depositions were also made by members of the inn,[1] but although they do not fully admit the scurrilous language attributed to them by the city officers, there is no substantial dispute as to the facts of the encounter. "A hall—a hall," was the battle cry of the templars, and to that cry the society assembled in great numbers, and seem to have resented very deeply the action of the lord mayor and the sheriffs. On the 21st of March an order was made for the attendance before the king in council of Sir John Nicholas, the recorder, and certain of the aldermen along with Hodges, Morgan, Pettus, Jeffryes, Litelton, Shaw, Wyn, and Bates, gentlemen of the Inner Temple who had been more or less concerned in the uproar.[2] On the 24th of March, Hodges, Wyn and Mundy were sent for again, and affidavits were read. The case for

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[1] "Miscellanea," vol. i., fol. 51.

[2] The latter were afterwards entertained at supper by the inn at a cost of £3 18*s.* 4*d.* p. 65

the Temple was submitted to the privy council, the king himself being present, by Sir Heneage Finch (afterwards Lord Nottingham),[1] treasurer of the inn. He contended that the Temple was exempted from the jurisdiction of the mayor and aldermen of the city, and had been so from the earliest period. That on the dissolution of the monasteries, the crown held it as a separate franchise, and that the patent of 6 Jac. I., conveyed the soil to the benchers with general words which revived and continued all the antient privileges. That even under the commonwealth the city was not permitted to exercise any kind of authority in the Temple, although the city was much courted by the army and the government of that day. That the city charter was fourteen days later in date than the patent of the Temple, and moreover that whereas certain antient exempted monasteries, *e.g.*, Whitefriars, Blackfriars and Smithfield, were added to the city jurisdiction by express words, there were no such words in regard of the Temple, which therefore retained its exemption as against the city. He argued at some length that the inconveniences to the Temple in being under the city would be insupportable, whereas no inconvenience would be suffered by the city if the exemption were upheld. The heads of his argument are very clearly stated in his memorandum, and they seem to have produced a good effect. The council were not prepared to decide against the Temple, nor to punish any of the gentlemen, and on the 7th April, 1669, they made an order that the king's pleasure in the matter be suspended till the rights and privileges of the Temple had been tried before the courts. This put the city to bring an action against the benchers, to have it declared that the Temple was within their jurisdiction. But no such action was ever brought, and although in January, 1678-9, when the lord mayor and sheriffs, again attempting to bear up the city sword within the precincts of the Temple, were treated with even more violence than in 1669, no steps were taken, and no attempt, I believe, was ever made to enforce the claim. Pepys[2] refers to this scene in the Temple of which he gives the same account, but adds that Sir Richard Browne caused the drums to beat for the train-bands, in answer to which the

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[1] Petyt MSS., No. 538: vol. 17, fol. 388. Argument by Sir Heneage Finch as to the Temple being without the Jurisdiction of the City of London, A.D. 1669. App. II.

[2] "Diary," vol. viii., p. 243.

students threatened to try the charter of the city. On the 7th of April, Pepys went to the council chamber,[1] and heard the complaint of the city tried against the gentlemen of the Temple for a riot when the lord mayor was there:

"But, upon hearing the whole business the city was certainly to blame to charge them in this manner with a riot: but the king and council did forbear to determine anything in it till the other business of the title and privilege be decided, which is now under dispute between them, whether the Temple be within the liberty of the city or no. But I was sorry to see the city so ill-advised as to complain in a thing where their proofs were so weak."

This incident is also referred to in the New View of London,[2] where the conduct of the lord mayor is spoken of as an insult to the gentlemen of the Inner Temple. The preparation of our case was entrusted to William Petyt, exigenter of London, a great benefactor to our society in later years, who in February, 1670-1, was "called to the bar and to be an utter barrister of this house, for his services done in asserting and defending the rights and privileges of the Temple." p. 74

The fee farm rent of £10 per annum due from each of the Temples to the crown, under the patent of 6 Jac. I., was regularly paid into the exchequer. The receipt for this sum was taken by tally, according to the antient practice of that office. In November, 1668, p. 52 it was notified to the inn that this fee farm rent had become part of Queen Catherine's jointure, and an order was made that for the future the same should be paid to Mr. Watts, her majesty's receiver. In the spring of 1673 communications were opened with the societies through the medium of John Lindsay, a banker in London, for the purchase by them of this rent, subject to the payment of the queen's jointure. A committee was appointed consisting of the treasurer p. 92 and one bencher of each inn with power to treat, and an agreement was arranged in February, 1675-6, with the trustees for the sale of the crown fee farm rents, by which each inn purchased in perpetuity the fee farm rent of £10 per annum, subject to the queen's life interest therein. The price, viz., £80, was by no means p. 108 unduly favourable to the crown, and was probably induced by his p. 109 majesty's necessities. The annuity was duly paid until the death

[1] "Diary," p. 286.
[2] "A New View of London." London, 1708. Vol. ii.

of the queen in 1703. The transaction was carried out by Mr.
p. 108 Brent, who drew and enrolled the conveyance for £1 10*s.*, and received a gratuity of £2.

On the 13th of June, 1673, what now appears a very retrograde
p. 92 movement was made in the private affairs of the society. It was then ordered "that the three junior butlers do by the beginning of Michaelmas term write a court-hand, and also know the antient and accustomed way of casting up accounts by counters," under penalty of losing their places as butlers. For many years past private and business letters, the correspondence of statesmen, and documents of every description, except those of a legal character, had been written in the ordinary hand then in use, a hand not greatly differing from that of the eighteenth century, and for a period of nearly twenty-five years what is known as the "court-hand" had disappeared even from the records of courts of justice.[1] It is not known precisely when the "court-hand" first came into general use. It appears to have been a continuation of the old norman system of characters introduced by William I., which had become gradually deteriorated as years rolled on. I think there is evidence that the court-hand became one of the recognized systems for public writings during the reign of Richard II. By the time of Elizabeth it had ceased to be invariably used, and the mixture of the court and the ordinary hand frequently gives rise to difficulty in deciphering writings of the sixteenth century.[2] In its place an ordinary legible hand had been substituted, and an inspection of our books will show the advantage which the use of the ordinary text was to both writers and readers. Persons familiar with the "court-hand" must have been few, and one fails to discern what advantage could have been anticipated by its continuance or revival. The "antient and accustomed way" of casting up accounts was that practised in the exchequer, the great tax collector and accountant of the nation. The "way" was antient enough, for its practice of accounting and discharging by counters and tallies was, according to Madox,[3] at least as old as the reign of William Rufus. In this way every payment to the crown was made and every receipt was given, and it is fair to our

[1] Statute (c. 37) 26th November, 1650.

[2] See preface to "Wright's Court-hand Restored," London, 1879.

[3] "History and Antiquities of the Exchequer of the Kings of England from the Norman Conquest to the reign of Edward II." London, 1708. 2 vols. "Antiquities of the Exchequer," by Hubert Hall, F.S.A. London, 1891.

predecessors to say that this process of accounting and discharging commended itself so much to successive governments that it continued in force, in regard to crown accounts, until 1834. An accumulation of tallies, at that time, caught fire and burnt down the houses of parliament. After this the mode of computation by counters on a chess board, and of discharge by notches in a stick, was recognized as too antiquated for the nineteenth century, and came to an end.[1] How long this system of accounts was retained in the Temple is doubtful. The court-hand continued to be employed for entering the admissions of students and sometimes for the acts of parliament, but in other respects the ordinary hand quickly superseded the antient use.[2]

Sometime in the month of October, 1677, a fire broke out in the Inner Temple. Its origin is nowhere stated, but it was of a serious character, involving the rebuilding of nearly the whole of King's Bench Walk. Between the dates of these two fires (1666 and 1677) considerable advance, as will be seen, had been made in the appliances for the prevention and extinction of fire. The only precautions that appear from the records to have been taken before the great fire are as follows. In November, 1604, an old order for providing leather buckets in case of fire, apparently in reference to Ram Alley, was renewed. In November, 1650, it was "ordered that any fellow admitted to or using any chamber or room shall take care that the chimney therein be swept and the fire within the same room be safely kept, under pain of £5 for every neglect therein or every time such chimney shall happen to be on fire." I find, also, several entries for "mending the engine." In 1649, 15*s.* In 1654, £1 15*s.* 0*d.* In 1657-8 it was twice mended, once for £1 13*s.* 0*d.*, and again for 7*s.* In 1656-7 Stephen Cressar, the joiner, received £10 7*s.* 7*d.* for making a house for the engine. It is not stated what this engine was, and there is no reason to suppose that it was a fire engine as such a machine is understood at the present day. In an account of the fires of London given by Mr. Knight,[3] in his history of London,

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Vol. ii., p. 311
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[1] A description of this antient mode of accounting is given in "The King's Peace," pp. 53-55. London, 1895.

[2] Its use was abolished for official documents in 1735 by statute, 4 Geo. II. c. 26, and 6 Geo. II. c. 14.

[3] "London," by Charles Knight, London, 1843, vol. iv., p. 181. A sketch of what is described as the first fire engine of London, by F. W. Fairholt, F.S.A., is given at

he is of opinion, I think correctly, that a fire engine which pumped a continuous flow of water was not known in London until long after the date of the great fire.

"How our ancestors endeavoured to extinguish fires we can only guess from the nature of things. Buckets of water would be brought and thrown upon the flaming materials by the bystanders, or the thatch of a cottage would be pulled down, or one group of houses would be allowed to burn itself out, and others would be tended for. After a time when the ingenuity of machinists enabled men to use some more effective means than mere buckets of water, a kind of syringe or squirt was employed, which seems to have been the first rudiment of a fire-engine known in England. Numbers of these were kept by the parochial authorities, as the small fire-engines now are. Their construction was very simple. Each squirt was about three feet in length, with an aperture at the lower end about half an inch in diameter and a capacity of about half a gallon. It had a handle on each side, and was worked by three men, thus:—two men held the squirt by the handles and the nozzle, while a third worked a piston within it in the manner of a syringe: the aperture was held downwards in a vessel of water while the squirt was being filled; and when filled the nozzle was directed upwards, and the stream of water directed on the burning materials by the working of the piston."

In a history of the monument, by Mr. C. Welch, F.S.A., librarian to the corporation of London,[1] it is stated that the engines in use at the time of the fire were "brass hand-squirts." In the Guildhall museum are three of these engines, one belonging to the ward of Aldgate in 1672, one to the parish of S. Dionis Backchurch, and one used at the Guildhall in 1687. In the act for preventing and suppressing fires in London, passed in 1668,[2] frequent reference is made to the provision of hand-squirts of brass, and among other requirements each of the twelve great companies is to supply 30 buckets, 1 engine and 2 hand-squirts of brass, every alderman who has been sheriff is to provide himself with 24 buckets and 1 brass hand-squirt. The "engine" is left undescribed. It was probably some contrivance for the carriage or reception of water, to be projected on to the flames by means of these brass hand-squirts. A manual engine throwing a continuous stream of water and worked by several men, seems to have been the invention of Hautsch, of Nuremberg, in 1657. The adaptation to such a machine of the

p. 177. (See "English Encyclopædia of Arts and Sciences," vol. iv., p. 83, title "Fire-engine.")

[1] "London," 1893, p. 75.

[2] 18-19 Car. II., c. 7.

flexible hose was the work of Vanderheyde, of Amsterdam, about 1672, and it was shortly afterwards adopted in Paris. It is doubtful when engines of this description were introduced into England. The first representation of a fire under the influence of such engines is to be found in an engraving of the time of William and Mary.[1] It shows the inventions of J. Lofting,[2] a dutchman, who obtained a patent in London for the manufacture of fire engines and was, probably, the first person to introduce the modern system into use in this country. It has the flexible hose and the air chamber, and is worked as a manual engine of the present day. Within a very few years after the great fire, however, a fire engine of some description became known in London as a possible aid in extinguishing fire, and it was adopted by the city. The inn, appreciating the value of such an appliance, secured a machine described as a "water engine," which was kept in a shed near the King's Bench office. A system was also organized by which leathern buckets were kept in the hall, in readiness to be passed by hand when the alarm of fire was given. p. 122
S. Bride's and S. Dunstan's[3] parishes also provided themselves with engines which were brought into the Temple in 1677 and assisted in subduing the flames. The charges for payment of the men who p. 114
worked at the engine from S. Dunstan's, suggest that it was probably of a similar construction to that described by Fairholt. This consisted of a large tank, four or five feet in height, on low wheels with a platform on which a man could stand. The tank or engine being drawn to the fire, was filled with water brought in buckets. Several men, working a manual, forced the water from the tank through the squirt, which was directed by the man on the platform. There was no air chamber and no continuous flow, nor was there any flexible hose then in use. In October, 1676, a committee of the bench had been appointed "to consider all necessary means to prevent any accidental fires in this society, *and to view the engine*, and to report what further p. 112
number of buckets will be necessary to be added to the former, now hung up in the hall." The second fire, therefore, did not find the inn altogether unprepared, and it was probably owing to this circum-

[1] One of these engravings is in the collection of the Society of Antiquaries Burlington House. "London Prospects," fo. 26.

[2] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xxxiv., p. 72.

[3] The old church of S. Dunstan which survived the fire was pulled down in 1832 "Churches of London," by Geo. Godwin, F.R.S., London, 1838, vol. i.

stance that the damage was not more disastrous and that its ravages were confined to King's Bench Walk. The payments made in reference to this fire indicate, for the first time, the assistance which the society was enabled to obtain from the neighbouring parishes and their engines.

p. 114 To the watermen that toiled at the fire £1
To the steward's man for his pains in extinguishing the fire . . £1
To the engineer of S. Bride's parish £2
p. 115 To the engineer of S. Dunstan's. £2
To the men that worked at the engine of S. Dunstan's . . . 15sh
To four watermen for pulling down the wall and for loss of a pickaxe 10sh
To letters to the reader . . . and horse hire riding down to the treasurer after the fire £1
The bill of my (chief butler's) expenses at the fire . . . . . £18 3s.

No gunpowder seems to have been used, and no houses were pulled down.

Early in November, 1677, within a month after the fire, a com-
p. 119 mittee was appointed to draw up an act for the rebuilding of the burnt premises and to compensate and arrange with the "burnt interest" persons under the late fire. The arrangements made with the members of the inn were on the same scale as those after the great fire. The houses to be rebuilt in King's Bench Walk were to comprise cellars or basement, chambers on the ground floor and three pairs of stairs and no more above the ground floor chambers. They were to be 38 feet in depth, with a brick wall not less than 6 feet in height next to Whitefriars, and a space was to be left between the
p. 122 wall and the buildings. Each builder was to have two consecutive lives and an assignment for one life by his executors, in consideration
p. 121 of his building. He was also to be at liberty to make a way through the Temple wall to the river, so as to bring the necessary building material by water, and to be allowed to mix mortar and to store plant
p. 122 on the Temple land. Before commencing operations, however, he was to deposit in respect of each chamber the sum of £50 with "Mr. Blanchard, goldsmith, near Temple Bar."[1]

[1] This gentleman lived at the sign of *The Marygold*, No. 1 Fleet Street. He was afterwards partner with Mr. Child who founded Child's bank. "Signs of old Fleet Street to the end of the XVIII. Century," by F. G. Hilton Price, Dir: S. A. "Archæological Journal," 1896, p. 353.

The King's Bench office, which was burnt down with the rest of King's Bench Walk, was rebuilt under an arrangement with Mr. Livesay by which he was paid £120 for his interest and materials in the office, and the inn took over the reconstruction. The office was to be built over four sets of chambers on the ground floor, with one chimney in each, to be 80 feet in length, 30 feet in breadth, and 11 feet in height between the floor and the ceiling. It was to be covered with lead, and to be subject to an agreement by which the occupants were not to burn any sea coal or other fuel or firing "saving only charcoal and billets." A computation, made by the treasurer and the surveyor, suggested that if each occupant of the four ground chambers paid £80 for a life, the inn might be fairly reimbursed their outlay. Under these circumstances the new King's Bench Office was built "one storey high as the Exchequer Office." A very considerable portion of the King's Bench buildings must have been destroyed, as among other "burnt interest persons" are some claiming in respect of houses on either side of the entrance from the Temple to Whitefriars. Leave was also given to Minors, the head butler, to build a cellar and three stories over it at the end of Hampson's buildings, which is also described as "the southernmost staircase in King's Bench buildings." The rebuilding of King's Bench Walk suggested that of Paper Buildings, and a proposal to this effect was under the consideration of the bench when the next disastrous fire occurred. On No. 4 King's Bench Walk a stone tablet commemorates the destruction and the rebuilding of King's Bench Walk in these words:

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"Conflagratam An°. 1677. Fabricatam An°. 1678. Richardo Powell armiger Thesaurar."

Scarcely was the rebuilding of King's Bench Walk accomplished than a fire broke out in the Middle Temple, from which our predecessors narrowly escaped the calamity of being once more driven from their homes. An account of this fire and of the circumstances under which it arose is given by Roger North, a member of the Middle Temple, who at that date was inhabiting a set of chambers in Brick Court.[1] About 10 p.m. on Sunday, 26th January, 1678-9, smoke was seen to be coming from the chambers of Mr.

[1] "The Autobiography of the Hon. Roger North": London, 1887, pp. 36-61, "Luttrell's Diary": London, vol. i., p. 7.

Thornbury in Pump Court. The fire was caused by a flaming lump of sea coal falling from the grate on to the deal boards next the hearth, no one being in the chambers at the time. Thus started, it burned furiously, for there was a hard frost of greater duration and severity than had been known for years. The Thames and the flow from the conduits were frozen so that the engines could not work, and water could only be obtained by passing it in buckets from hand to hand. Even this was not accomplished without difficulty, for it froze in the transit. The house where the fire commenced being an old building, the walls being wainscotted with oak, and there being many deal partitions, it burned like a barrel of pitch, and the whole of that side of Pump Court was soon ablaze. The wind carried the fire up Middle Temple Lane towards Fleet Street, encountering and burning certain chambers described as "a sort of paper buildings" abutting on the lane. Part of Brick Court to the west of the lane and part of Hare Court to the east, the latter being the property of the Inner Temple, were also burnt. Proceeding on its way, the fire consumed the rest of Pump Court, a great part of Elm Tree Court and Vine Court, which was situate between Pump Court and the cloisters. Fig Tree Court was also partially consumed. In order to save the Middle Temple hall attempts were made to blow up the houses at the corner of Elm Tree Court, but the fabric being strong and well-built, the gunpowder had no appreciable effect, and the fire was ultimately stayed at that corner by the solid masonry of those very buildings. To save the shops in Fleet Street a house was blown up in Hare Court, where the officials of the
p. 148 fine office kept their records. This was done with so great haste that they were unable to remove their documents, and an act of parliament was subsequently obtained to supply the loss that was thus sustained. The fire now approached the outer walls of the church. Some houses were then blown up and the shops against the church were pulled down, with the result that the fabric of the church escaped with a slight injury to the roof of the round. Thus, for the second time, was the progress of the fire arrested at the portal of the church. As in 1666 the east or, as Dryden called it, "the hostile Belgian wind," carried the flames to the eastern end of the church and there spent its fury, so in 1679 a wind from the west carried the fatal fire over our houses and lanes, and having laid desolate the

templars' dwellings to the west of the church, stayed its destructive progress at the church itself.

The cloisters were burnt down and the Inner Temple hall was in great danger. The latter was, however, protected by the solid masonry which is still to be seen in the buttery, in the offices, and at the western end of the hall. It was thus saved, although it was once partially on fire. Beyond the hall were the new buildings of four stories, erected after the fire of 1666, and between them and the eastern end of the hall was a small library of one story under the eastern window of the hall. This the persons engaged in dealing with the fire somewhat unnecessarily blew up. Having put too little powder for the substantial building in Elm Court, they used so much for this little library that the explosion scattered the timbers in all directions, wounding several persons and endangering the lives of many others. The linen and books, however, had been previously removed. It would have been, as it was said, as useful to blow up London bridge as this little room, for even had it caught alight, it could have done no harm, as the brick and stone buildings on either side were safe from any danger of fire. A map in the possession of the Inner Temple portrays the inn "as it was in 1671, when the king and the duke of York dined with the treasurer, Sir Heneage Finch." It shows the little library at the east end of the hall, being a building of one story with the eastern window of the hall above it. In Ireland's "Inns of Court"[1] a sketch is given of the hall and the library to the east as they stood at the end of the last century. The fire lasted from eleven on Sunday night to noon on Monday, and left open an area of great extent, "bounded by the Middle Temple hall and part of Elm Court southward, the Palgrave buildings in Old Essex Court westward, the taverns and Hare Court northward, and the church and Inner Temple buildings eastward, all which places lay in view of one another,"[2] so that a person standing on the steps of the Middle Temple hall had an uninterrupted view of the side of the *Devil tavern* to the west, and of the *Rainbow* to the north of Hare Court, of the entrance to the church, and of Lamb building in Tanfield Court. In the course of this night the lord mayor, accompanied by the sheriffs, came in state

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[1] London, 1800, p. 19.
[2] "North's Autobiography," p. 42.

about midnight to visit the fire, but the gentlemen of the Inner Temple, asserting their privileges, refused to admit him so long as he bore up his sword, and ultimately drove him out. "At this he went over the way to a tavern, where some say he first got drunk and then returned, dismissing the engines he met coming from the city."[1] The Earl of Craven, the Earl of Faversham, some officers of the guards, and the Duke of Monmouth, who was then courting popularity, were also among the visitors, and rendered assistance in quenching the fire. Lord Faversham, being too eager to help, narrowly escaped being blown up with the records of the fine office in Hare Court, and received a severe wound in the head from a falling beam. John Crosse, the brewer of the society, was also a sufferer. His brewery was at the western end of the hall, and he
p. 208 there lost beer to the value of £20, which went to supply the engine in default of water, and for which he was not compensated until May, 1684.[2]

The success and the general content which followed the rebuilding of the Inner Temple after the great fire, were hardly attained by the Middle in their trouble. At the time of the fire in 1678-9, there was much friction between the gentlemen of the Middle inn and their benchers. Both inns suffered at this time from the vagaries of the students at their Christmas festivities, although, as the benchers of the Middle took the matter more seriously than those of the Inner, the trouble was at that time less pronounced with us than with them. To such an extent had this arisen, that at a meeting at Serjeant's Inn after Christmas, 1678, the benchers of the Middle Temple were obliged to invoke the assistance of the judges in order to obtain a hearing. The whole society was in open rebellion, and the mediation of the judges only obtained a delay with a view to an accommodation. In the meanwhile the fire came and found two hostile camps. It was thus some time before any general agreement could be arrived at as

[1] "North's Autobiography," p. 38.

[2] "The Thames being frozen, there was great scarcity of water, it being so bitter a frost, the water hung in isecles at the eves of the houses. The engine plaid away many barrels of beer to stop the fire: but the chief way of stopping the fire was by blowing up houses: in doing which many were hurt, particularly the Earl of Faversham, whose skull was almost broken: but he is now in some hopes of recovery."—"A Brief Historical Relation of State Affairs." By Narcissus Luttrell. Oxford, 1857, vol. i., p. 7.

to a scheme for rebuilding. This was ultimately arranged, however, on somewhat the same lines as had been adopted by us. Not, however, until after the gentlemen had a tumultuous meeting of their own at "The Apollo,"[1] a room in *The Devil Tavern* in Fleet Street, a house rendered famous in olden days by the society of Ben Jonson and his literary companions. It was found on clearing the ground that the old foundations were not available for modern buildings, and a new model for the inn was settled, in course of which Vine Court, already referred to, disappeared altogether. For the execution of this plan, after much consideration and some unsuccessful attempts, the Middle Temple put themselves into the hands of Dr. Nicholas Barbon[2] (son of the well-known Praise God Barbon) who had much employment and success in rebuilding houses after the great fire. Under his auspices the Middle Temple was rebuilt, although, after the fashion of contractors of all times, there was a failure in the course of the work, and the benchers were ultimately compelled to take the business over and complete it for themselves. The rebuilding of Hare Court and other portions of the Inner Temple, including some Inner Temple chambers over the cloisters, was the subject of much consideration.[3] It was at first proposed to entrust the work to Dr. Barbon, who was rebuilding the Middle Temple, but that was not accepted. There were accordingly meetings of the two societies in the round of the church, and much feeling appears to have been aroused. It was afterwards agreed in July, 1679, that Hare Court and Pump Court should be rebuilt according to a model approved by Heneage Finch, our former treasurer, now lord chancellor. To carry out this plan a sum of £496 was borrowed from Sir Robt. Sawyer, K.C. who was afterwards attorney-general, and was elected treasurer of the inn from 1683 to 1688. The tenants of the western side of Hare Court with

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[1] See Knight's "London," vol. i., p. 373. The terra cotta bust of the Apollo, from this room, is still extant in Child's bank.

[2] He was christened "Unless-for-Jesus-Christ-thou-hadst-been-damned"-Barbon, but after the fall of puritanism he renounced his baptismal name and assumed that of Nicholas. He was qualified as a physician, and began life as Dr. Nicholas Barbon. Not succeeding, however, at this, he set up as a builder, and was skilful in restoring old houses and streets.

[3] The benchers during this year, as in 1678, had frequent meetings. Bench tables were held weekly, and sometimes oftener, between January and July both in and out of term.

their names and staircases, are given at p. 133. And as the
pp. 134, 141 owner of *The Devil Tavern* would not redress the nuisance of his building over against Hare Court, the workmen of the inn were ordered by the bench to abate it themselves. The rooms over the
p. 136 buttery at the west end of the hall, including the upper library, which had come under the influence of the fire, were rebuilt by Sir John Heath, a son of the chief justice of Charles I., who had been treasurer in 1673.

The cloisters, as they stood before this fire, were "low mean buildings," about half their present width. They were not built over except in a part near the Inner Temple hall, where a Mr. Newnham had some chambers. It was originally proposed by the Middle Temple that the ground, which belonged to that society, should be covered with chambers, and that the cloisters should not be rebuilt, and they approached the Inner Temple with a view to some amicable arrangement. Roger North, in his life of Lord Keeper North, who was a bencher of the Middle Temple, gives an account of the discussion which was referred for settlement to Heneage Finch, the lord chancellor, as was usual in those cases.

The chancellor,[1] according to Roger North, "would by no "means give way to it, and reproved the Middle Templars very "wittily and eloquently upon the subject of students walking in even-"ings there, and putting cases which, he said, was done in his time, "as mean and low as the buildings were then, however it comes, said "he, that such a benefit to students is now made so little account "of." And thereupon the cloisters, by the order and disposition of Sir Christopher Wren, were built as they now stand.[2] His plan considerably enlarged the area of the cloisters by taking in a portion of the churchyard, and some land both north and south belonging to this inn. Written directions were given by him as to the position of the columns, the strength of the floors, and the solidity of the walls, which would render the buildings both durable and secure. The ground plan and the elevation of the cloisters, and the chambers above, are signed if not actually drawn by Sir Christopher,[3] and it

[1] Roger North inaccurately describes him as "Mr. Attorney." Finch ceased to be attorney, and became Lord Keeper in 1673, and Chancellor in 1675.

[2] "Lives of the Norths," by Hon. Roger North, London, 1826, vol. i., p. 27.

[3] The originals of these plans are in the possession of the Middle Temple, whose

thus appears that this exceedingly plain and commonplace structure was the production of the great architect. Though built under his auspices it hardly adds to his reputation, and is unworthy of the place or of the church to which it forms the entrance. In all the schemes for rebuilding, great care was taken by both societies to preserve the church, by providing that new buildings should not touch the fabric, and thus to secure it, as far as possible, from danger of fire by contact with inflammable matter. The cloisters have the following inscription on a slab on the western side :

"VETUSTISSIMA TEMPLARIORUM PORTICU IGNE CONSUMPTA AN° 1678
NOVA HÆC SUMPTIBUS MEDIJ TEMPLI EXTRUCTA AN° 1681.
GUILELMO WHITELOCKE : ARM° THESAUR°."

The library and the end of the hall were rebuilt in the year 1680, at the cost of the society. The voluntary subscriptions from former members of the inn amounted in the whole to £320. The rebuilding and wainscotting of the library cost £309, towards which "Sir George Jeffryes, his majesty's serjeant-at-law," subscribed £40. For wainscotting the hall and setting up the screen and the music room £110 was paid. A sum of £10 was also paid for carving the arms of the society over the screen, and £10 for carving the king's arms in oak at the top of the hall. The explosion which had destroyed the library must have at the same time damaged the eastern window of the hall with the large coats of arms, which might otherwise have been transferred to the windows of the new library.[1] The pictures from this library were afterwards set up in the hall. There were thus two libraries, one at the western end of the hall, called the upper library, where the gentlemen during their Christmas vacation played hazard, and the new library, to which there was access from the hall and the benchers' rooms by a staircase, the remains of which existed in 1866, when the present hall was built. The losses suffered by the two societies in this second fire were not great, except in regard to the buildings, which Mr. North says,[2] "to say truth were better burnt than left, being for

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benchers have kindly allowed me to inspect them. They are very similar in execution and in paper to numerous drawings of Sir Christopher at Oxford and elsewhere.

[1] The eastern window of the hall was still there in 1686, when it is described as being "in some danger of falling." p. 236

[2] "Autobiography," p. 43.

the most part ragged deformed stuff." The records of the fine office, and a portion of the Tradescant collection, comprising books and medals, then kept by Elias Ashmole, the antiquary, in an upper room also suffered from the fire.[1] Mr. North, in another connexion, gives a description of the condition of Fleet Street during the fire. It opens up a dismal view of the habits of some of our neighbours, and of the risks to which, on such occasions as these, the property of our members was subjected. "Here it was observed that women and children stood in Fleet Street ankle deep in water (for all the pipes were cut), which in that pinching cold night could not have been, in such numbers and so pertinaciously as they did, unless their husbands and friends were gone in to steal, and they stayed expecting to carry off the booty."[2]

This description of the fire of 1679, by a spectator and a sufferer in the calamity, affords a vivid illustration of the lines of Dryden on the great fire in the "Annus Mirabilis." The poet's reference to the cutting of the pipes, the fetching of the buckets from the neighbouring church, the working of the engines, the ladders, and above all the thieves who rush in as soon as the flames have scared away the owners of property, affords a striking corroboration of the picture drawn by Roger North of the details of the fire and of the band of women waiting in the freezing water to receive from their friends the proceeds of their plunder.[3]

[1] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. ii., p. 172.
[2] "Autobiography," p. 41.

[3] CCXXIX.

Now streets grow throng'd and busy as by day:
Some run for buckets to the hallow'd quire;
Some cut the pipes, and some the engines play,
And some, more bold, mount ladders to the fire.

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CCLI.

As those who live by shores with joy behold
Some wealthy vessel split or stranded nigh,
And from the rocks leap down for shipwreck'd gold,
And seek the tempests which the others fly:

CCLII.

So these but wait the owners' last despair,
And what's permitted to the flames invade;

The wooden shops facing Tanfield Court, with their backs against the church, had been a source of discomfort to the benchers of the Inner Temple for some generations, and attempts had been made to agree with the other inn for their removal. They had been rebuilt after the fire of 1666 by Roberts the panierman, Williams the stationer, and others, when the society, with a view to the possibility of their wishes being carried out, inserted a clause in the lease to the tenants that such shops were held subject to the right of the inn to cancel the lease should both houses agree to pull down "the buildings now about the church in order to the repairing and beautifying of the outside of the church." In the fire of 1678-9 they were demolished for the protection of the church, after which some were rebuilt by Williams the stationer, who, in June, 1680, in consideration of his expense in the matter, was given an extended lease for thirty years at a rental of £6. I am not aware of any drawing of these shops before the fire of 1678; but Ogilby's map, in 1671, shows the church to have been almost hidden by high wooden buildings. A drawing by R. West[1] under the date of 1737 shows the nature of the buildings after the two fires. They were low wooden sheds as far as the fourth window to the west. Against the round and the last windows they were of a more substantial character and comprised one or two stories over the ground floor. Playford's house and shop, which were at the church door at the northern end of the cloisters, held its own and does not appear to have been affected by either of the fires. Ireland,[2] referring to these shops, describes them as "sheds and houses of a mean cast of character, and ill suited to the situation. Here shoes, boots, wigs, and lattitats vie with each other for pre-eminence." Among the miscellaneous engravings in the library of the society of antiquaries[3] is a small plate, six inches by four, headed, "Temple Church Porch."

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E'en from their jaws the hungry morsels tear,
And on their backs the spoils of Vulcan lade.

"Annus Mirabilis," by John Dryden, published in 1667. This fire was regarded as so serious a matter for the two societies of the Temple that the fellows of Lincoln's Inn, out of sympathy with their unfortunate colleagues, held no feast or revels during Easter term ("Black Books of Lincoln's Inn," vol. iii., p. 124).

[1] Published by Toms on 18 March, 1739.

[2] "Inns of Court," p. 10.

[3] "London Prospects," fo. 30, Society of Antiquaries.

It is apparently a tradesman's advertisement, or the title-page of a book, and has a good drawing of the church porch with a stationer's shop, similar to those formerly in Westminster hall, under one of the southern arches inside the porch. It is issued by Penn and Lloyd, stationers, etc. It bears no date, but an entry of 1678,

p. 128 To Penn the stationer, for books, pens, ink and paper, for the use of the Treasurer, £2.

seems to identify the stationer and his shop. The chapel of S. Ann, which had been gradually falling into ruins, was to some extent protected by these buildings, but we hear nothing of it during the whole of the period covered by this volume. It was probably shut off from the church after 1679, and what was left of it was used as a store-house for the papers of the fine office. It was partly hidden by the shops that were erected over its ruins, but some portions, shewing where it was attached to the church, are indicated in West's drawing. It was, however, a commonplace and uninteresting building, and it was probably no loss to the society when it was altogether removed in 1827.[1]

The following payments show the serious character of the fire, and the exertions used to subdue it:

		£	s.	d.
p. 143	Given away on Sunday night, 26th January and Monday 27th at the time of the fire in the Temple for drink and candles and links	2	10	0
p. 144	For carrying the linen and books out of the library, 1s. 6d., and two men for moving books out of the library, 2s.	0	3	6
p. 145	For carrying books, readers' coats of arms, and the rest of the things out of the libraries	2	10	0
	Several men for helping to save the west end of the hall	2	0	0
	48 men for watching and putting out the fire on Monday night	4	16	0
	Seven watermen	1	15	0
	Seven other men	0	17	6
	Men that were wounded in the time of the fire	0	17	6
	Nash's men that helped about the hall in the time of the fire	3	0	0
	five men for working during the fire	0	10	0
	men concerned in pulling down Powell's building	5	0	0
	carrying lead from end of the hall	0	1	0
	8 engineers and another (Silver)	12	2	0
	The Recorder's man paid for links &c.	0	9	6

[1] "The Temple Church," by Wm. Burge, Q.C., F.R.S., London, 1843, p. 18.

	£	s.	d.	
Essington of Houndsditch for money laid out at fire and to buy him a pair of gloves (10*s.*)	2	11	6	
do. for 6 buckets lost at fire	1	4	0	
3 new river watermen for breaking open pipes in the fire time.	0	2	6	
Geo. Cooke for powder[1] used in the fire, by order of the committee	3	10	0	
Several men for watching and warding from 29th Jany. to 7th Feby. at 1*d.* per night for watching and 8*d.* per day for warding	8	6	8	
For porters and messengers about buckets and for gunpowder to other workmen in and about the fire	4	0	0	
half the cost of carrying away the rubbish out of the churchyard at the blowing up of the building	2	0	0	p. 170
a barrel of gunpowder purchased of the grocer for the use of the inn during the late fire by order of Sir Geo. Jeffries.	4	0	0	
to the painter for 76 yards of oiled work wainscott colour near the hall and the buttery and for painting and gilding the 12 branches in the hall	8	15	0	p. 171
to the upholsterer for half a dozen chairs for the library in place of those that were lost in the fire	3	12	0	p. 171

I have set out the figures representing the work done and action taken in respect of these three fires in 1666, in 1677, and in 1679. The great activity and the appliances in use at the two later fires are very remarkable in comparison with those of the former date. At that time the whole of London seems to have been helpless and paralysed, and the fire that consumed without hindrance 14,000 houses and numerous churches and chapels would, with equal facility, have destroyed the Temple, had it not been for the providential change of wind on the night of Tuesday, the 4th of September.

A fire of comparatively small dimensions occurred in August, 1683, in the buildings erected by Sir Thomas Robinson, Bart., chief prothonotary of the common pleas. He was at this time in the third year of his treasurership. The fire, which originated in *Hall's Coffee house*, having caught the rooms in which he lived, he leapt from the window and was killed. He was buried in the Temple church on 7th August, 1683, and a committee was appointed in Michaelmas term to inquire into the circumstances of the fire, and the conduct of the watchmen and others in relation thereto. Sir Robert Sawyer, A.G., was appointed treasurer in his place. p. 453 p. 192

The church, which had been left in good repair by the benchers

[1] A barrel of powder in 1666 cost £2 16*s.* p. 41

of the commonwealth, was much neglected during the early period of Charles II. The duty of rebuilding the inn after the fire of 1666 was probably held to be paramount to all others. But although the money which was voted towards providing a permanent house for the master of the Temple, showed that the society was not unmindful of the needs of the church, yet it must be admitted that, for some fifteen years after the restoration, little if anything had been done. The first occasion upon which attention was officially drawn to its
p. 103 condition was in 1675. In July of that year, John Playford, the clerk, informed the treasurer and benchers of the two societies of several matters in the church requiring speedy repair:

"FIRST, the doors in the screen which parts the church are at this time so much decayed and broken as they are no security to the church, wherein now standeth the chest with y^e^ communion plate, and also the several vestments and books belonging to the church.

"SECOND, the pulpit is so rotten at this time and decayed as it is in great danger of falling; also the velvet before the pulpit and the cushion thereto belonging, are bothe so much decayed and worn out, having been so often mended, as much longer they cannot be serviceable.

"THIRD, there is at this time great want of a good bell in the steeple, which want may be soon supplied if . . . the two bells, now in the steeple, which are both cracked and useless, be cast into one, it will make an excellent bell that will be heard into all courts belonging to both societies.

"FOURTH, the two surplices at this time belonging to the church are both worn out."

Playford's peculiar position in regard to the church and to the Temple, and his credit as a musician and a writer, gave much weight to his representations, apart from their very reasonable character, and a committee was at once appointed by this society to consider his statement. There is no record of the action taken thereupon. But it was a matter of equal concern to the two societies, and nothing could be done without the concurrence of both.[1] A speedy agreement under these circumstances would have been difficult, as it clearly
p. 114 involved a substantial expenditure. The condition of the interior of the church was, however, under the consideration of the two societies, as it appears that they had agreed to pay £150 each for altering,
p. 113 and I suppose reconstructing the seats. In July, 1677, it was reported

[1] A want, which could be supplied by one society without offending the other,
p. 114 was attended to, and a new surplice was provided at a cost of £3.

that the cost which had been originally estimated and provided for at £150 each, would be £300. It was thereupon ordered that the matter be again considered, and in the meantime that the £150 advanced be repaid to the treasurer. In November, 1677, the surveyor was called in to advise as to the arrangement of the pews and a committee was appointed to organize a fund and to solicit contributions towards the re-seating and the general repair of the church. The alterations and repairs then recommended would probably have been carried out forthwith, but for the disastrous fires of 1677 and 1678-9. These so fully occupied the minds, and were so heavy a draught upon the funds of the two societies and of their individual members, that the reparation of the church naturally stood over until the rebuilding of the two inns had been nearly completed. In the meantime, however, some work was done by private subscriptions; Lady Rainsford and Lady Littleton gave £10 towards the repair of the church windows, Lady Wilde gave £10 for the same purpose, and Serjeant Crooke gave £20 towards the repairs since the fire. The king's arms were put up in the window of the church in 1680 at a cost of £4 to this society, and the chief butler has an entry of work done by Daniel Ireland, the glazier, in the Inner Temple church, £1 4*s*., probably a repair to a window on the south side. Playford's suggestion as to the recasting of the two cracked bells, so as to make one sound bell, was carried out after the church was restored.[1] There is at present only one bell which bears the following inscription:[2]

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"Sir R. Sawyer, A.G. t. Inner Temple, Sir Henry Chauncy t. Middle Temple, John Bartlet made me 1686."

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In 1681-2 Sir Christopher Wren was requested to advise the societies as to the requirements of the church. In May, 1682, he reported that the church was "very ruinous for want of repair," and that the cost of the necessary work would be not less than £1,400. This outlay was undertaken by the two societies, and it was ordered that there be an aid roll to which every bencher be assessed at £3, every barrister at £2 5*s*., and every gentleman under the bar at

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[1] Towards this expenditure a legacy of £10 was left to the two societies by Dr. Ball.

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[2] Architectural illustrations, and an account of the Temple Church, by R. W. Billings, London, 1838, p. 39.

p. 177 £1 10*s*. As, however, the collection of these sums required much
pp. 180, 181 time, and the repairing and repewing of the church, with the providing of a new pulpit, were works that required immediate attenp. 177 tion, Sir Thomas Robinson, the treasurer, undertook to provide the necessary funds upon an indemnity being given by the society.
p. 198 Under these conditions the work went forward. The church was
p. 212 entirely repaved with alternate squares of black and white marble, the walls were wainscotted up to the bottom of the windows, square pews were constructed within the five aisles formerly described, the round was separated from the oblong portion of the church by a carved oak screen and organ loft, and the high and subsidiary altars, with whatever remained of their original construction, were replaced by a carved altarpiece reaching several feet above the bottom of the centre window. A tall pulpit and reading-desk, with an elaborately-carved sounding-board, were placed in the centre aisle, about half way down the church.

On the floor one step led from the nave to the pews and two steps from the nave to the altar. The screen went completely across the church and blocked the beautiful view from the western door to the altar. The central archway was occupied by the organ, which, with its ornamental front, ran up nearly to the ceiling. Entrance to the north and south aisles of the church was through the doorways under the side arches. The carved work behind the altar and the carvings over the organ were by Grinling Gibbons.[1] The former appears from the accounts to have cost the two societies at least £570. The columns of
p. 199 the church, however, were disfigured and endangered by numerous monumental slabs, to support which the marble was cut away. The handsome monuments of Plowden, of Martin, and of the bishop, were still retained against the walls, where numerous tablets were also to be seen.[2] In the round portion the figures of the knights were inclosed within rails which were painted and gilt. Among other entries in relation to the church, I find in the accounts for 1673-4
p. 98 a payment of £3 10*s*. "For painting and mending the Crucifix." Whether this was replaced in the church after the restoration, or

[1] Billings, p. 43. Upon the restoration of the church in 1840 the altar screen was sold, and it is now in the Bowe's Museum at Barnard Castle. It corresponds with the description given in the "New View of London."

[2] Some of these are now in the triforium.

was used elsewhere, I am unable to say. Other entries are for a purple velvet pulpit cushion with heavy gold tassels, £4 10*sh*: for 13 iron candlesticks £2 1*sh* 4*d*.: for the Inner Temple porter's staff of bamboo with silver head, £7 1*sh*.: and for his gown, £4: for locks and hinges for the pews, £10.[1] The vault for the use of the Inner Temple was also built at this date at a cost to the society of £60. Thenceforward burials took place in this vault, which was not finally closed until the present century. p. 212 p. 212 p. 199 p. 212 p. 264

A summary of the expenditure on the church at this period shows the inn to have contributed £952 16*s*. 0*d*. The church was opened to the public on the 11th February 1682, when the Bishop of Rochester preached, and was entertained at a dinner given by the two societies in the master's house. On the following Sunday there was a special sermon by the Revd. John Standish, D.D., chaplain in ordinary to his Majesty.[2] p. 198 p. 212 p. 199

A good description of the church as it existed in 1703, less than twenty years after the completion of the work, is to be found in the "New View of London."[3] The author says :

"It is built of the antient Gothic Order, the Walls Stone, covered with finishing and strengthened with Buttresses : has a Treble Roof covered with Lead and supported with neat pillars of Sussex Marble and the floor of the whole is paved with black and white marble : that of the Chancel 2 steps higher than the middle and 1 higher than the side Iles : the Iles are 5 in number viz. : 3 (as is usual) running E. and W. and one cross Ile near the entrance into the Chancel and another Parallel with the last bet*n* the W. end of the Ranges of Pews and the screen. This ch. is not only antique in its Order, neat in its Workmanship and rich in its materials, but very beautiful in its Finishing, Qualifications that seldom are found in one Structure. The Pillars and Floors are not only Marble but the Windows are adorned with

[1] There are several entries referring to the "type" and "tipes," *e.g.* "for gilding the tipes of the church," "cutting a hole for the type to hang to." According to the terms of the period the word "type" had several meanings. One was the canopy over the pulpit, which in this case hung from the roof. Another was the capping of a turret which was gilt at the same time as the folding doors. See "Glossary of Architecture." Oxford, 1850. J. H. Parker, vol. i., p. 503. p. 212

[2] "A Sermon preached at the Temple the *Sunday* After the Church was opened ; being then newly Repaired Adorned and Beautified at the Joynt Expence of the two HONOURABLE SOCIETIES. By John Standish, D.D. and Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty. *How Dreadful is this Place ! Surely this is none other but the House of God*, Gen. 28, 17. London. Printed by *Henry Clark*, for *Robert Clavel* at the Sign of the *Peacock* at the West-End of *St. Paul's*. MD.CLXXXIII."

[3] "A New View of London," vol. ii., p. 363.

pretty small Columns of the same specie of Stone. It is well pewed and wainscotted with right wainscot above 8 foot high: the Altar piece is of the same species of timber but much higher, finely carved and adorned with 4 Pilasters and betw^{n} them and the columns with entablature of the Corinthian order: also enrichments of cherubims, a shield, festoon, fruit and leaves enclosed with handsome rail and banister. The pulpit is also finely carved and finnier'd placed near the E. end of the middle Ile, the Sound Board is pendant from the roof of the church: It is enriched with several carved arches, a crown, festoons, cherubims, vases, &c. The round tower at the W. end of the ch. is supported with 6 pillars wainscotted with oak 6 foot high, and is also adorned all round (except the E. part) with an upper and lower range of small arches and blank apertures.

"The screen at the W. end of the Iles is as the altar piece &c. of right wainscott adorned with 10 Pilasters of the Corinthian order, also: 3 Portals and Pediments: and the organ-gallery over the Middle aperture is supported with two neat fluted columns of the Corinthian order and adorned with entablatures and Compass pediment and also the queen's arms finely carved: the Intercolumns and large pannels in carved frames and near the Pediment on the S. side is an enrichment of cherubims and the carved figure of a Pegasus, the Badge of the Society of the *Inner Temple* and on or near the Pediment on the N. side an enrichment of cherubims and the Figure of a Holy Lamb, the Badge of the Society of the *Middle Temple*, for though these houses have but one church, yet they seldom sit promiscuously there but the *Inner Temple* on the S. and the gentlemen of the *Middle Temple* N^{d} from the middle Ile."

Nothing appears to have been done to the chapel of S. Ann, which is described by Sir Robert Smirke [1] as a small antient building consisting of a crypt with a vaulted chamber over it, both formerly communicating with the church. In 1827 its removal became necessary by reason of its ruinous and decayed condition. It had formed no part of the original edifice of the round church, but had been built up against the walls at a subsequent date. Closer investigation showed that this date could not have been many years after the completion of the eastern portion of the church, and that it was in fact nearly contemporaneous with it.

The restoration and embellishment of the church, under the superintendence of Sir Christopher Wren, seem to have suggested to the societies the propriety of providing an organ suitable to the
p. 199 place and worthy of the two houses. For this purpose they took

[1] Report of Sir Robert Smirke, November, 1827, when the southern exterior of the church was restored by the Inner Temple.—"Miscellanea," vol. xx. fo. 37. "The Temple Church," by William Burge, Q.C., F.R.S., London, 1843, p. 18.

the opinion of Dr. Blow and other masters of music, and entertained them at a dinner at the joint expense. Following upon this conference, the treasurers of the two inns, viz., Sir Thomas Robinson of the Inner and Sir Francis Withens of the Middle, had a conversation in September, 1682, with Bernard Smith, the king's organ maker, who had already built the organ for Westminster Abbey.[1] The subjects under discussion were the making of an organ for the church and the setting up of an organ loft, both to be, as suggested, under the superintendence of Bernard Smith. The conversation, however, did not amount to a contract, and shortly afterwards the name of Renatus Harris[2] was submitted to the benchers as that of a proper person to build their organ. Not being able to decide at once, the benchers agreed, in 1682-3, that if each artist would set up an organ in one of the halls, they would choose that organ for the church which had "the greatest number of excellencies." In the meantime one Phillips, who had made a case for the organ to be erected in the church, was ordered to remove it forthwith. The artists were subsequently permitted to erect their organs in the church. Harris's was placed on the south side near the communion table, and Smith's between the church and the round walk. In the summer of 1684 the two organs were completed and the competition began. Dr. Blow and Purcell, two famous organists, played for Smith, and Giovanni Battista Draghi,[3] organist to Queen Catherine, performed for Harris. Both organs appear to have been of great excellence in every respect, so that the general public as well as the benchers were very undecided as to which was the finer instrument. The competition became tedious, the partisans of the respective candidates caused scandal by the violence of their attitude, and the question promised no early solution, when the benchers of the Inner Temple, on the 26th May, 1685, appointed a small committee to confer with a committee of the Middle Temple to nominate some persons as judges to decide between the two competitors. On the 2nd June, 1685, the Middle Temple passed a resolution in favour of

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[1] "A Few Notes on the Temple Organ," by Edmund Macrory, M.A. London, 1861. The organ at the Abbey was opened 30 December, 1660. "Pepys's Diary," vol. i., p. 313.

[2] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xxv., p. 21.

[3] *Ibid.*, vol. xv., p. 421.

purchasing the organ of Bernard Smith as the more suitable for the church. The Inner Temple, however, declined to take upon themselves to select the organ, and insisted on the joint appointment of
p. 226 skilled persons to make the selection. Resolutions were passed by the two societies and meetings of a joint committee were held, but each society adhering to its resolution, the Middle insisting on the
pp. 227 and 230 selection of Smith's organ and the Inner, without objecting to Smith or adhering to Harris, insisting that the selection of so costly and important a possession should be guaranteed by the opinions of certain of the best and most independent masters of music in England, the matter came to a deadlock. In this position the two societies took the course which was always adopted under similar circumstances. As they had recently acted in regard to Hare Court and afterwards as to the rebuilding of the cloisters, so they did with regard to the organ. They applied to the lord chancellor to arbitrate between them. On the 26th of June, 1685, the Middle Temple appointed a committee "to state in writing the matters in difference between the society and the Inner Temple about the choice of an organ for the Temple church," and to attend the lord keeper thereon.[1] The lord keeper at this date was Francis North, Lord Guilford, who, however, died in September, 1685, and nothing was done by him in the matter. In February, 1685-6, another committee[2] was appointed to apply to the lord chancellor for his determination upon the subject. The chancellor then was Lord Jeffryes, who appears to have taken the matter in hand and to have decided in favour of Bernard Smith's organ. The tradition, therefore, which has come down from Tudway[3] (1705-1726) to the present time, that the Temple organ was the choice of Lord Jeffryes seems, like nearly all traditions connected with the law and its professors, to have a substantial foundation in fact. That Jeffryes was a member of the Inner Temple and had a voice or a casting vote in the choice is not consistent with the facts. Jeffryes was no longer a member of the inn. He had left the society in 1680 when he was created a serjeant, in the same way that Lord Guilford had left the Middle Temple on his being appointed chief justice of the common

[1] Macrory, p. 24.
[2] *Ibid.*, p. 24.
[3] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. lvii., p. 291; Macrory, p. 25.

pleas in 1674. Nor is there any reason to credit Jeffryes with a knowledge of music. He became the umpire between the two societies solely by reason of his being the lord chancellor, and, as such, the person who customarily settled differences between them which could not be adjusted by means of a conference or a joint committee.

The benchers acted with much liberality towards these two artists. To Smith, the full price of his organ was paid and he received a salary for tuning and repairs. To Renatus Harris this society, in consideration of his expenses and his labours, advanced £200 upon his bonds,[1] which they afterwards in February, 1690, ordered to be delivered over to him.[2] The price of the organ appears to have been £1,000, of which this inn paid £500. The matter of the organ was thus concluded in 1686, and it was afterwards erected on the spot designed for it by Sir Christopher Wren. The societies seem, however, to have been in no hurry to introduce the melody of an organ into the service of the church, for it was not until 27th of May, 1688, that the first organist was appointed. Mr. Francis Pigott occupied that position at a salary of £25 a year, from each society, "he providing and paying thereout an able blower," and £10 a year was paid to Bernard Smith, by each inn, for cleaning and tuning his organ.

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A memorandum in the miscellaneous papers,[3] bearing date about 1735, and giving an account of the present organ and its selection, has the following statement. "It does not appear there was any organ in the church before the year 1685." How far that may be an accurate statement is open to doubt. There is, however, no reference in any part of the proceedings in 1682-86 to any old organ, or indeed to any organ having been in the Temple church recently before that date. The only references in our records to the existence of an organ are of a very early period. In the inventory of the possessions of the knights templars at the New Temple in London, when their property was confiscated by Edward II., in 1307, is an entry, "In the church . . . Two pairs of organs, price 40*sh.*"[4] In the reign of Henry VIII. (30th January, 1518-19) an

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[1] "Miscellanea," vol. xix., fo. 39.
[2] *Ibid.*, fo. 39.
[3] *Ibid.*, xix., fo. 39.
[4] Baylis, "Temple Church," App., p. 142.

order was made for "a roll containing the names of members of the society, in order that from them may be raised 70*sh*., for new organs in the church, for the part of the Inner Temple." It would appear, therefore, that at an early period, an organ, or, as the expression then was, "a pair of organs," were used in the church, although there is no record of any dealing with or renewal of the organs from 1519 to the date now under consideration, a period of over 160 years.

With the exception of the plans of the cloisters, to which I have referred as being in the possession of the Middle Temple, I have not had the good fortune to meet with any drawings of Sir Christopher Wren used either in the Temple or in the Temple church. There is, however, among the collection of Wren's drawings at All Souls, Oxford,[1] of which college he was a fellow, a drawing for a church, unnamed. It represents the western end of a church with a carved oak screen extending across the building. This is surmounted by an organ gallery, carrying a large organ ornamented with carvings and with hanging drapery. It has a very considerable resemblance
p. 255 to the western end of our church, where the organ was hung with curtains,[2] and pilasters, pediments and other classical ornaments formed part of the design. This may, therefore, possibly have been one of the drawings for the arrangement of that portion of the church. From 1674-1684, Wren was engaged, according to Mr. Blomfield, in rebuilding the greater part of the Temple. His work is described as quite plain, only enriched with quoins and well-proportioned cornices and a few charming door-ways.[3] Mr. Blomfield gives me, as examples, the pediment and Ionic order in Portland stone and gauged brick in the Middle Temple gateway. Wren's influence, he thinks, and probably also his design, are traceable in New Court and the adjoining courts, also in the houses with gauged brick doorways, notably one with engaged Corinthian columns in brick, in King's Bench Walk. These are regarded as excellent early examples of the use of soft bricks rubbed and fine-jointed in putty, a material which Wren used more freely and successfully than any English architect before or since. He was frequently

[1] Vol. iv., fo. 103.

p. 255 [2] To Markerdale for the moiety of his bill for curtains to the organ in the Temple Church, £6 14*s*. 10*d*.

[3] "A history of Renaissance Architecture in England," by Reginald Blomfield, M.A., London, 1897, vol. i., p. 172. Two of Wren's doorways are reproduced.

to be seen in the Temple advising as to the church, and among the accounts for the year 1682-3, are payments for various dinners at the "Devil Tavern" to Sir Christopher Wren when he had been giving orders to the workmen, superintending the plastering, colouring, and whitening the Inner Temple side of the church, settling the estimates for the carved panels on the benchers' pews and otherwise employed on the work. Nor was he in other respects unconnected with the Temple, for Sir William Wren was a member of the Middle Temple, and was buried in the Temple church, on the 1st January, 1689-90.

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During the period comprised in this volume, the services of the church were performed by three clergymen—the master, who enjoyed the house and to whom we paid, as our share, a stipend of £100 per annum, a reader to whom we paid £50 per ann., and an assistant curate or reader of prayers to whom we paid £30 per ann. To these should be added the names of Dr. Ken, Dr. Crisp and Dr. South, who preached at Christmas by request of the students and junior members of the society and at their expense. The masters were Dr. Ball, Dr. William Sherlock and Dr. Thomas Sherlock.

Dr. Ball, Prebendary of Lincoln and of Ely, and Rector of Bluntisham, to whom reference has already been made, was appointed to the mastership of the Temple on the promotion of Dr. Gauden to the bishopric of Exeter in 1660. Dr. Ball's conduct in respect of the building of the master's house recommended him to the kindly consideration of the Temples, and on many other occasions he showed the personal interest which he took in the society. An incident in reference to this gentleman has not been elucidated. There are charges in 1671-2 for providing witnesses and otherwise in regard to "Dr. Ball's trial," from which it appears that the Inner Temple was supporting Dr. Ball in his trial, whatever the question may have been. He died in April, 1684, at the age of 86, and was buried in the new vestry on the south side of the church. In that church already lay the bones of his two wives, who died successively in March, 1667-8, and in August, 1681, and of four sons, Burnell, John, Thomas, and William, who died respectively in 1670, in 1679, in 1681, and in 1682.

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Dr. William Sherlock[1] who succeeded Dr. Ball, was a celebrated

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[1] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. lii., p. 95.

divine, with a great reputation as a preacher. He had held the living of S. George, Botolph Lane, and was a prebendary of S. Paul's before being appointed master of the Temple. He held strong views as to the divine right of kings and the duty of passive obedience, and he refused for some months to take the oath of allegiance to William and Mary. This resulted in his being temporarily deprived, in August, 1689, of all his offices and emoluments, including those of the mastership of the Temple. During this period—which was, however, in effect only one of suspension—he published the most celebrated of his works, "A Practical Discourse on Death," being the substance of sermons preached in the Temple church. In the dedication of this book to the benchers of the two societies he alludes to his deprivation in these terms:

"One Reason of Publishing this Plain Discourse is, because I can't now Preach to you as formerly I have done, and have no other way left of discharging my Duty to You, but by making the Press supply the Pulpitt. Part of this you have already heard, and should have heard the rest, had I enjoyed the same Liberty still: which God restore me again when He sees fit: if not his Will be done. And the only Reason of this Dedication is, to make this publick and thankful Acknowledgment (before I am forced from You, if I must be so Unhappy) of Your Great Respects, and many singular Favours to me: which have always been so free and generous, that they never gave Time nor left any Room for me to ask: especially that obliging Welcome you gave me at my first coming, I mean Your Present of a House, which besides the Conveniences and Pleasures of a Delightful Habitation, has afforded me that which I value much more, the frequent Opportunities of Your Conversation."[1]

The society, recognizing his great popularity, had presented him
p. 256 on the 8th Nov., 1688, with a cask of canary and a hogshead of claret, which were afterwards, on the 10th Nov., changed for a pair of silver candlesticks, bearing the arms of the Inner Temple. The master having, on the 10th February, 1689-90, consented to pray for the king and queen, and in August, 1690, to take the oaths of allegiance to them as monarchs *de facto*, he was permitted to retain
p. 273 his preferments, and continued to reside and preach in the Temple.[2]

[1] The eighteenth edition of this book was published in 1723, sixteen years after his death.

[2] The popular excitement attendant upon Sherlock's conversion from the attitude of a non-juror to that of a supporter of the existing government, with his subsequent acceptance of the deanery of S. Paul's, is described at length by Lord Macaulay ("History," vol. iv., pp. 44-51).

In 1690 he was paid £50 by the society for the expenses of the preachers engaged by him during his suspension. p. 273 In 1691 he was appointed dean of S. Paul's. In January, 1694-5, he preached in the Temple Church a eulogistic sermon on the late queen, Mary, who had died on the 28th December, 1694. He resigned his mastership in 1704, and died in 1707. He was succeeded by his son, Dr. Thomas Sherlock,[1] an equally distinguished and eloquent preacher, who was successively master of S. Catherine's Hall, Cambridge, chaplain to queen Anne, dean of Norwich, prebendary and dean of Chichester, bishop of Bangor and bishop of Salisbury. Having declined the archbishopric of York, he was, in 1748, made bishop of London. In November, 1753, being still bishop of London, he travelled to the Temple from his palace at Fulham to announce his resignation of the mastership, which he had held in conjunction with his other preferments for a period of fifty years. He spoke of his relation to the two societies as being the great happiness of his life, "as it introduced me to the acquaintance of some of the greatest men of the age, and afforded me the opportunities of improvement by living and conversing with gentlemen of a liberal education, and of great learning and experience." He was extremely popular with the members of the Temple, and dying in July, 1771, was buried at Fulham. In 1725 he published, at the request of the two societies, a series of "Discourses on the Use and Intent of Prophecy,"[2] comprising sermons preached in the Temple church in April and May, 1724. It went through several editions, and was much attacked by religious and political opponents.

Our society, which did not escape from some association with the gunpowder plot, was not altogether exempted from the evil effects of the popish plot of 1678. Richard Langhorne, a roman catholic gentleman, was one of the earliest victims of Oates and Bedloe. He was a barrister of this inn, having chambers in Inner Temple Lane,[3] where he practised chiefly as a conveyancer. After the great fire of 1666 the house of commons appointed a committee, of which Sir Robert Brook, M.P., was chairman, "to inquire into the causes of

[1] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. lii., p. 93.

[2] "The Use and Intent of Prophecy, in the several Ages of the World, by Thos. Sherlock, D.D., Dean of Chichester and Master of the Temple, London, 1725."

[3] "State Trials," vol. vii., p. 426. Langhorne is described by Macaulay as the "chief lay agent of the jesuits in England." History, vol. iv., p. 285 (note).

the late fire." Numerous informations were filed and amongst them the following :

"Mr. Light of Ratcliff, having some discourse with Mr. Langhorne of the Middle (?) Temple, Barrister (reputed a zealous Papist) about February —65 last, after some discourse in disputation about Religion, he took him by the hand, and said to him, *you expect great things in Sixty-Six, and think that Rome will be destroyed, but what if it be London.*"[1]

This being reported to the house on the 22nd January, 1666-67, Langhorne was called before the parliamentary committee, and examined as to whether the disaster had not, to his knowledge, been caused by the treachery of the popish faction. He was thus a person who had been already suspected, and a fit subject for Oates and his witnesses. These denounced him as a party to the plot. He was arrested in his chambers on the 7th of October, 1678, by a warrant from the privy council, and was kept in close confinement in Newgate until his trial. It was alleged that Langhorne had, in his chambers, openly discussed with Oates the killing of the king and other treasons, and had shown to him commissions granted by the pope to various persons, amongst them being one to himself as judge advocate of the army. It was also alleged by the witnesses that Langhorne was party to an offer of £10,000 being made to Sir George Wakeman to poison the king,[2] an offer which, it was said, Sir George refused as the amount was too small by £5,000. Upon this evidence Langhorne was condemned and executed, denying to the last the truth of Oates and Bedloe's story. As it was alleged that these commissions, along with a number of compromising letters, which it was sworn he had copied into a register, were in his chambers, these were immediately seized and held by
p. 127 the inn, and officers were put to watch them. His books, papers
p. 128 and writings were carefully searched, and it is fair to assume that nothing criminatory was found, as no original paper was produced
p. 144 at his trial. When the fire broke out in January, 1678-9, all

[1] "A True and Faithful Account of the several Informations exhibited to the Honourable Committee appointed by the Parliament to inquire into the late Dreadful Burning of the City of London together with other Informations touching the Insolency of Popish Priests and Jesuites : and the Increase of Popery, brought to the Honourable Committee appointed by the Parliament for that purpose. Printed in the year 1667. —*From a collection of pamphlets in the library of Sion College, London, Y.* 14-37.

[2] "State Trials," vol. vii., p. 431.

these papers were removed and replaced when the danger was past but the watching of the chambers was continued till after his death. He was tried on the 14th June, 1679,[1] and executed on the following 14th July. There is little reason to doubt that he was entirely innocent of the charge. The trial of Sir George Wakeman, who was indicted with Langhorne, was by reason of illness postponed until the 18th July, 1679, four days after Langhorne's execution. Wakeman was then acquitted by the jury.[2] Chief Justices Scroggs and North, who both assisted at the trial of Langhorne, had by this time formed a distrust of Oates and his witnesses, and agreed with the jury in not believing their evidence. The benchers out of kindness to Mrs. Langhorne, his widow, permitted her to sell her late husband's chambers for £50, and subsequently gave her £25 out of the funds of the house. In February, 1684-5, some of his clients' deeds and papers had been handed over to them, and in November, 1687, the remainder were delivered to his son.

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There is little to notice in the short reign of James II. Bonfires celebrated the defeat of the rebels in the west in 1685, and the birth of the Prince of Wales, the old pretender, in 1688. Luttrell, under date of 5th November, 1686, says: "orders have been sent to the inns of court for calling several roman catholics to the barr: and accordingly 6 have been called at Graies Inn, 2 at Lincolns Inn and 1 of the Inner House."[3] The substantial accuracy of this entry is established, so far as the "Inner House" is concerned, by the records of our society. On the 5th February, 1686-7, Martin Hildesby, or Hildesley, was ordered, at the bench table, to be called to the bar "on his majesty's special recommendation," and at the parliament held on the 11th February following, he was duly called. That this gentleman was a roman catholic, and that without his majesty's "special recommendation"

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[1] "State Trials," vol. vii., p. 508.

[2] *Ibid.*, p. 591.

[3] "Diary," vol. i., p. 388. I find from the "Black Books" of Lincoln's Inn, vol. iii., p. 158, that in November, 1686, *Henry Smith* was called "upon the intimation of Sir Thos. Powis, K^t., H.M. Solicitor-General, that it is his majesty's pleasure." On the 5 Feb., 1686-7, *Sir Thos. Manby, Kt.*, and *Martin Judd* were called upon a similar intimation. *John Chappell* was similarly called in Feb., 1687-8, *ib.*, p. 162, and *John Brown* and *Henry Collett* in July, 1688. *Ib.*, p. 166. The calls of these two last-named gentlemen were, however, reconsidered in Nov., 1688. *Ib.*, p. 166.

he would not have been called, I entertain no doubt. The inns still held to their procedure, requiring candidates for the bar to take the sacrament, as appears from an entry in the preceding 16th November.
p. 241 On that day Alexander Fraser petitioned the bench that he might be called under special circumstances, without having kept the number of terms required by the regulations. He had been a member of the inn for many years, but had been much employed in foreign service, and was then about to attend the Duke of Albemarle in Jamaica. An order was thereupon made "that he be called to the bar *provided he receive the sacrament in the Temple Church.*" At the
p. 240 parliament held on the 28th November, 1686, Alexander Fraser was
p. 201 duly called. In May, 1689, an order was made that those who had been called to the bar within two years and had not taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and received the sacrament according to
p. 266 the order of the house, should attend the bench table. In pursuance
p. 268 of this order, Martin Hildesley with Nathaniel Piggott and Richard Delamer, were ordered to attend the table in November, 1689. Piggott having then and there refused to take the oaths tendered to him, his call was vacated and he was suspended from commons.
p. 278 In November, 1690, his suspension was taken off, and as we hear no more of Martin Hildesley, I assume that he either took the oaths and received the sacrament or was held not to have been within the rule, inasmuch as he had not been called within two years of May, 1689.

The entries relating to Jeffryes, who ended his career with the flight of his royal master, are not very numerous, but such as they are, they show the interest which he took in the society. He was born in the year of king Charles's execution, the son of a Welsh gentleman of old family. His father and his elder brother were successively high sheriffs of the county of Denbigh, and his younger brother was a prebendary of Canterbury. He was educated at Shrewsbury and afterwards at S. Paul's school, whence he went to Westminster under Dr. Busby, from whom it has been suggested that he learned the efficacy of flogging as a punishment for evil doers. From Westminster he was sent to Trinity College, Cambridge, at the age of 14, and in the following year, 1663, he was admitted at
p. 55 the Inner Temple. While a student he was deputed, by the mock parliament held by the gentlemen at Christmas, 1667, to invite Dr.

Crisp to preach in the Temple Church on the following Sunday. On the 22nd November, 1668, being then twenty years of age, he was called to the bar. In March, 1668-9, he was selected, as we have already seen, by Mr. Goodfellow, the reader, to accompany Mr. Wroth, as a deputation to the lord mayor and court of aldermen as to the proposed bearing up of his lordship's sword in the Inner Temple. He was afterwards called before the council board to answer for the part he took in those proceedings. In 1671, at the age of 23, he was elected common serjeant, and in 1678, at the age of 30, recorder of London. In November, 1674, he was discharged of his duty as reader in Clement's Inn. In January, 1677-8, he was elected to the bench of this society, and in February, 1678-9, his eldest son, John, then aged 8 years, was specially admitted. In 1680 he was created serjeant-at-law and left the inn. In May, 1680, his son was admitted to his father's chambers, and later in 1680, being then king's serjeant, he gave £40 towards the cost of wainscotting the hall and the library. In 1683, at the age of 35, he was chief justice of the King's Bench, and in 1685, at the age of 37, he was lord chancellor. He took an active part in dealing with the fire of 1679, and was called in, as chancellor, in 1686 to settle the dispute as to the organ between the two societies. In January, 1685-6, having completed the business of the assize, a committee of this inn waited upon him to know if he would please to have a play when he dined with the benchers on grand day. This he accepted, and heard "The Committee." A similar invitation went to him in October, 1686, and he dined again and saw "The Scornful Lady" on the 1st November. He received a like invitation for All Souls, 1687, and saw the play of "The Cheats of Scapin," a rendering of Molière's celebrated play. The year 1685 was distinguished by Monmouth's rebellion and the "bloody assize," and in 1687, with a knowledge of all his judicial errors, but, as I suppose, with a feeling of kindness towards their old companion, the benchers commissioned Sir Godfrey Kneller to paint the portrait of Lord Jeffryes at a cost of £50. It was paid for in 1687 and "set up in the hall."[1] The compliment thus paid to Jeffryes was unique. As far as I have been able to ascertain it was the first occasion upon which the fellows of this inn commissioned any

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[1] An engraving of this picture, by R. White, is among those in the benchers' rooms.

artist to paint the portrait of any of their number and paid for the portrait from the funds of the society. A biographical sketch of Jeffryes would be beyond the scope of this preface, nor is it necessary, for the subject has been treated by writers well qualified to undertake the task, the last of whom, a barrister of our inn, has given much care and attention to the study.[1] The judgment of many generations has condemned Jeffryes as a violent, overbearing, and unjust judge, without considering whether upon fuller examination of his story there may not be some reason to doubt the absolute propriety of so merciless and wholesale a condemnation. There exist, at the present time, four contemporaneous portraits of Jeffryes by Sir Godfrey Kneller. One when, at the age of 30, he was recorder of London; one when, at the age of 36, he was lord chief justice; one in the possession of Lord Tankerville, when he was lord chancellor, at the age of 38; and one painted for this society as already mentioned. They all agree in presenting him as a man of dignified mien and of fine features. And though they do not portray a person of amiability, they are consistently wanting in those indications of drink, debauchery, and savagery with which his personal appearance is usually associated. He died in the Tower in 1688, and was buried in the church of All-Hallows Barking. After the revolution Jeffryes' picture was removed from the hall to the chambers of Mr. Holloway, a bencher of the inn, where it appears still to have been in 1693. At that time his son, who was a member of the inn, having asked that the picture might be given to him, an order was
p. 306 made on the 9th February, 1693-4, that "the treasurer do declare to Lord Jeffryes that at his lordship's desire, the house do make a present to his lordship of his father's picture, now in Mr. Holloway's chamber." This picture is now in the possession of Mr. Philip Yorke, of Errig Park, Wrexham, in the county of Denbigh.[2] Beside it, is a portrait of Sir Thomas Jeffryes, Knight, of Alcantara in Spain, a brother of the chancellor.

Another familiar name appears constantly in this volume. Christopher Milton, brother of John Milton, was a member of our

[1] "The Life of Judge Jeffryes," by H. B. Irving, M.A., Oxon. London, 1898.

[2] An engraving of this portrait, at the British Museum, describes him as "the Rt. Honble. George Earl of Flint, Viscount Weikham, Baron of Wem." He never appears to have claimed these titles.

inn, lived within it, and took part in our affairs. He was a younger brother of the poet, and after taking his degree at Christ's College, Cambridge, he entered the Inner Temple. In January, 1639-40, he was called to the bar. He was a staunch royalist, unwavering in his fidelity to the throne. As a lawyer he had little, if any success, and except for the reflected light cast upon him by his distinguished brother, he would probably have passed through life without notice. At the restoration he was, in November, 1660, included in a batch of royalists elected to the bench, and was chosen reader for the summer vacation of 1665. He never appears to have been treasurer, but he continued to be a frequent attendant at the bench until the year 1686, when he was, at the age of 71, created a baron of the exchequer by James II. In November, 1679, he appears to have been in some financial difficulties, as he was summoned before his brother benchers and ordered to pay up his arrears, with a threat that if that were not done by saturday they would "proceed to padlock his chambers: and that none of his charges be allowed for repairing his chambers unless he shew better cause." These payments had not been made in February, 1679-80, when a peremptory order was made against him and the money, I suppose, was produced. His son was also ordered to pay £4 for caution money. In 1687 he was promoted to be a justice of the common pleas, and in 1688 he retired on a pension. He continued after his judgeship to retain his chambers in the inn, and these were refitted for his use. Entries appear in 1686 for locks and ironwork for Baron Milton's chambers, £3 19*s.*; for wainscotting Baron Milton's chambers, £66 7*s.* 4*d.*; and for his bookshelves, £5 9*s.* 7*d.* He died at Ipswich in 1693, aged 78. Three of his sons were specially admitted to the inn: viz., Christopher, in 1661, Richard, in November, 1667, and Thomas, his eldest son, in November, 1670.

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On the 11th of December, 1688, the king left London on his way to France. On saturday the 15th he was at Rochester, after his release from his captors at Sheerness. On sunday the 16th he returned to London, and the society of the Inner Temple were among the very few of his subjects who did him any honour. They lighted "a bonfire on the king's return from Rochester." On the morning of the 18th he left Whitehall for Rochester, and then quitted his kingdom and his country for ever.

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I have drawn attention in previous volumes to the literary and artistic tastes of the society as exemplified by the various entertainments, provided by the inn, for the amusement of their members and their guests. We have seen that the gross feeding and the inane burlesque of the grand christmas gradually gave way to the masque. The masque from being at first merely spectacular, in course of time assumed the proportion of profusely decorated scenery, accompanied by song and dance, and then of allegories, in the composition of which Beaumont, Ben Jonson, Daniel, Myddleton, Brown, and other poets of the day did not scruple to participate. Under the two early Stuart kings dramatic works were introduced to the partial exclusion of the masque, and we now arrive at a period, after the restoration, when the masque disappeared and its place was occupied by stage plays, one at All Hallows (the 1st November), and one at Candlemass (the 2nd February). And these plays, excepting at the times of the plague and of the several fires, were regularly given. The revels of the old type with mock chancellors, and other high officials and sham ceremonies of a court ceased, so far as there is any record of them in our inn, before the commonwealth. The master of the revels was, however, appointed yearly, with a salary of £2, and there was a regular payment for music, even through the time of the puritan ascendency. The marshals for christmas were also appointed, but their offices were sinecure. The grand days were still continued and, as before, invitations to judges and other distinguished personages were still given at the reader's feast. But the amusements were of a different type, and the duties of the master of the revels were of a less onerous character. The old style of entertainment seems, however, to have been continued at the other inns. In January, 1662, Evelyn was present at Lincoln's Inn at "a solemn foolery" of the Prince de la Grange with his mock princes, grandees, and nobles[1] and in January, 1667-8, he saw the revels at the Middle Temple, which he describes as "an old riotous custom, and has relap. 29 tion neither to virtue nor policy."[2] We were not, however, free from reproach, for our records show that gambling was openly and p. 18 extensively carried on in the upper library at christmastide. And although it was ordered that there should be only one table for

[1] "Evelyn's Diary," vol. i., p. 359.
[2] *Ibid.*, vol. ii., p. 32.

hazard, yet strangers played as well as members, and the games were probably sufficiently high and riotous to have justified, in our case also, the unfavourable criticism of Mr. Evelyn. p. 55

The plays which after the restoration were received with public applause, soon assumed a very different character from those of the previous reigns. Shakespeare had died on the 23rd April, 1616, Beaumont in the previous March, Fletcher in August, 1625, and Ben Jonson in August, 1637. During the civil wars, and under the commonwealth, the times were not propitious for the study or the encouragement of the drama. But a school of dramatic art and poetry arose after the accession of the new king, which went far to justify the antipathy which many people, untouched with puritanism or precision, entertained towards the stage. It becomes, under the circumstances, interesting to consider what was the view, taken by a society of learned and educated gentlemen, of the plays that were then produced, an opinion which can most effectually be tested by a consideration of the works which they introduced into their hall. It will be observed that the names of the plays are given in our books with great irregularity. It seems to have depended altogether upon chance, or upon the fancy of the clerk, whether the name of the play was entered or not. The payments, however, in all cases, are strictly chronicled. It is, therefore, not unreasonable to regard the performances, so given, as fairly representative of the class of drama which found favour with the benchers and barristers of the society. The plays, thus chronicled, between the accession of Charles II. in 1660 and the flight of James II. in 1688, are twenty in number, most of them comparatively unknown to playgoers of the present generation. Attention is at once struck by the fact that, during the whole of this period of twenty-eight years, not one play of Shakespeare is recorded as having been produced. Dryden, writing in 1665, says that two plays of Beaumont and Fletcher are produced throughout the year to one of Shakespeare or Ben Jonson, and he gives a reason for this which is not altogether accepted by Hallam.[1] I think, however, that the explanation is not far to seek. Shakespeare being comparatively without liberal education, and not having had the advantage of mixing from his youth with gentlemen and gentlemen's sons, had not acquired the art of writing to the taste of that class

[1] Hallam, "Lit. Hist.," vol. iii., p. 114, note e, Dryden.

from whom the inns of court were recruited, and without whose presence a theatre could not be kept open. Shakespeare smacked of the ruff and the farthingale long after these eccentricities of costume had disappeared, while Beaumont and Fletcher, though his contemporaries, wrote as men who had mixed habitually from their boyhood with persons of polite education and of good society, where manners were easier and more natural, and conversation was more ready and sparkling. A combination of tragedy or comedy with alternate scenes of farce, in the nature of a subsidiary plot, commended itself to audiences of the seventeenth century, and will be found in nearly all these plays. It soon, however, died out, except perhaps in some of the minor theatres, in which it has been received with admiration even during the present century. Most of these plays, and certainly those of Beaumont and Fletcher, are either of foreign (generally of Spanish) extraction, or deal with persons and incidents alien to English tastes and habits. This gave the writers greater freedom in the construction of their plots. Scenes which would be condemned as absurd, if applied to English people, would not meet with the same condemnation when applied to foreign countries, as to whose modes of thought and of life the English of the seventeenth century were both ignorant and credulous. During the eighteenth century, the fate that had overtaken Shakespeare fell upon Beaumont and Fletcher. The qualities, which kept their plays upon the stage to the end of the seventeenth century, failed to attract when the manners of polite society changed. Their comedies no longer filled the playhouses when they ceased to reflect the sentiments and habits of the class who supported the drama. And the same rule applied to Wycherley, Congreve, Shadwell and others of that class. When plays which dealt alone with variations of the cardinal vices, which represented a state of society not recognized as belonging to any country or any age, and which depended for their success upon witty dialogue and cynical allusions, failed to please the audience, the works of these various dramatists of the restoration disappeared from the stage, and few, if any, were ever resuscitated. To enable the templars of the twentieth century to form an opinion of the tastes of their predecessors, I give some account of these plays. They are not commonly known at the present day, but, during the period comprised in this volume, they were the principal, if not the only enter-

tainment provided for our members and our guests, and formed an integral portion of the life of our inn. They were, as will be seen, mostly performed by the players of the king's house. Those of the duke's house were only occasionally engaged. Women appeared upon the English boards for the first time after the restoration, a change which was not to the taste of many cultivated persons. The actors invariably received £20 a play, and the usual payments were made for the music. They were also, though this was probably confined to the ladies who then trod the boards, occasionally sent for in coaches; coach hire being an item on these occasions. An entry in January, 1681-2, "ffor sweetmeats for Madam Gwin £01 : 00 : 00," with music, and dice, attests the popularity of the celebrated artist. p. 98 p. 184

The following plays are recorded from 1660 to 1688.

2nd Nov., 1663. "THE BROTHERS." A comedy in five acts, by James Shirley.[1] (By the King's players.) p. 16

This play was licensed in 1626, but was not published until 1652, the original title being "The Brothers, a Comedie, as it was acted at the private House in Black Fryers." The scene is laid in Spain, and both prologue and epilogue refer to the old Spanish plot, and the defeat of the armada which was still (in 1626) sure to elicit the cheers of the audience. Some passages of the play are considered as being of great literary merit. James Shirley wrote in the time of Charles I., who is said to have considered the "Gamesters" one of the best plays he had seen for some years. A not very favourable criticism of Shirley's works is given by Hallam,[2] who I think hardly does justice to Shirley's poetic instinct.

Candlemass, 1663-4.—"EPICENE, OR THE SILENT WOMAN." A comedy in five acts, by Ben Jonson. (By His Majesty's players.)

This was a favourite comedy, not only at the time of its production in or about 1609, but also at its revival among the plays of the restoration period. *Morose*, a rich uncle, has a nephew whom he treats scurvily and leaves in penury. The scheme of the play is an attempt, by this young man and his friends, to drive *Morose* to make some provision for his nephew. *Morose's* character is implied by his name, and he has in addition a dread of noise and bustle. Under p. 25

[1] "Dramatic Works of James Shirley," by Dyce, London, 1833, vol. i., p. 186. Serge curtains were bought and a screen was hired for this performance. p. 16

[2] "Literary History," London, 1854, vol. iii., p. 121.

these circumstances they bring about a marriage between him and a boy passing as *Epicene*, a very silent, reserved and undemonstrative woman. Directly after the marriage the supposed bride breaks out into voluble and violent language, introduces noisy and disreputable women of her acquaintance, called the "Collegiate Ladies," opposes her husband and orders the household about with the airs of a major domo. The uncle is thus driven to despair, and promises to make a liberal settlement on the nephew if he can get a divorce. This device occupies the fifth act, during which all the company are on the stage. A sea captain, *Tom Otter*, and a barber, *Cutbeard*, assume the parts of a divine and of a learned civilian, and discuss with great humour, but a certain want of delicacy, the various grounds upon which a nullity can be granted. In the result the silent bride discloses herself as a boy, and the two learned disputants agree that it is a case in which a nullity must be decreed, as there was an *error personæ*. Ben Jonson showed much courage in the devising and producing of this plot, as it was nearly contemporaneous with the celebrated case of the Countess of Essex, afterwards Countess of Somerset. In the details of this case James I. took great personal interest; and to judge from contemporary writers it was the subject of discussion, not only among the lords and ladies of the court but generally throughout the country. *Tom Otter* is described as a valiant captain in the navy who, in his own house, is ruled by a termagant wife whom he describes as his princess. This character n the revival pleased Charles II., who called his naval brother (the Duke of York) *Tom Otter*[1] out of pleasant allusion to his domestic difficulties. Hallam describes it as written with a great deal of spirit, and thinks it has a value as a representation of London life in the higher ranks of society at that period. "It is a proof," he says, "of Jonson's extensive learning that the story of the play and several particular passages have been detected in a writer so much out of the beaten track as Libanius."[2] Dryden wrote a prologue and an epilogue for the revival. The former was spoken by Hart and the latter by Mrs. Marshall. Burbage had formerly played in it.[3] At this time Betterton was cast for the part of *Morose*.[4]

[1] "Pepys's Diary," vol. vii., p. 52.
[2] "Lit. Hist.," vol. iii., p. 97.
[3] "Lives of the Actors in Shakespeare's Plays," p. 25. Burbage died in 1618.
[4] "Life of Betterton," p. 30.

All Saints' Day, 1664.—"THE NIGHT WALKER, OR THE LITTLE THIEF," a comedy in five acts by Beaumont and Fletcher.[1] (By His Majesty's players.) p. 25

A very bright, witty, and amusing comedy. *Maria*, a young heiress, is compelled by her mother to marry *Justice Allgripe*, a wealthy miser. Two young cavaliers conspire, by paying *Maria* great attention, to make the justice jealous of her on his wedding day. She swoons, and being supposed to be dead, is put into a coffin. Her mother prudently packs away the plate and the wedding presents in a large chest, and to prevent the justice getting them, puts the chest in the same room with the coffin. *Lurcher*, a philosophic cavalier, who has turned housebreaker on principle, aided by the little thief, a young woman masquerading in boy's clothes, frightens away the occupants of the house by imitations of the devil searching for the murderers of *Maria*. Having thus got rid of the household, they steal what, in the dark, they believe to be the box of plate, but which turns out to be the coffin. This being opened at *Lurcher's* house, his mistress insists that it is only a trick to bring another woman into the house, and refuses to be pacified until she sees her supposed rival safely buried. The party accordingly adjourn to the graveyard, where the fresh air revives *Maria*, who sits up in her coffin and scares away her captors. *Maria* then goes towards her home, and on the way meets the justice, who believing her to be a ghost, returns to his house and bars up his doors and windows in order to keep out, at the same time, any walking spirits and any demands for the return of *Maria's* dowry. Subsequently *Lurcher* and the little thief get into the house and persecute the justice, the former as a fury sent to destroy him, and the latter as an angel coming to preserve him. This scene and the following, in which they lead him to the churchyard under the pretence that he is dead and must be properly buried, though naturally partaking of exaggeration, are bright and terse and full of witty allusions, and in good hands would have played admirably. The comedy concludes with the union of *Maria* and her lover, a sentimental gentleman of a melancholy type, through the confession of the justice, that before his marriage with *Maria* he had been contracted to the little thief, whom he had deserted in view of obtaining

[1] "Works of Beaumont and Fletcher," London, 1711, vol. vi., p. 2837.

the former's fortune. He acknowledges his pre-contract, in the presence of witnesses, and agrees to have it confirmed by holy church. The under plot mainly concerns itself with the domestics, but the adventures of *Maria* as the pretty night walker, who appears alternately as a ghost and as a Welsh maid, added to the tricks of the little thief, furnish ample materials for a comedy of which Pepys speaks as "a very merry and pretty play." [1]

p. 38 Candlemass Day, 1664-5.—"THE CHANGES, OR LOVE IN A MAZE" (Loueina Maze), a comedy in five acts, by James Shirley.[2] (By the King's actors.)

Pepys describes it as a dull, silly play, which has little in it but Lacy's part of a countryman, which he did to admiration.[3] A very successful play of this name by Dion Boucicault, which held the London stage for many years, and in which Alfred Wigan played the leading part, has no relation to this comedy either in plot or sentiment.

p. 65 Candlemass Day, 1667-8.—"THE COMICAL REVENGE, OR LOVE IN A TUB," a comedy in five acts by Sir George Etheridge. (By the players of the Duke's house.)

This, which Pepys describes as a "silly play," "merry by gesture but not by wit,"[4] seems to deserve the condemnation. *Dufaur*, a French valet, making love to a pert chambermaid, is made drunk, and while asleep is put into a tub, of which the bottom is knocked out, and he is left with his head through the top and his hands through the sides to roam about the stage. This incident has nothing to do with the real action of the play, and is introduced to give a low comedy touch to an otherwise serious and sentimental drama comprising love scenes and a duel. It is written mostly in verse, and the best part is that of a vivacious widow. Notwithstanding, however, the poorness of the play, Betterton and his wife played the principal parts, and the company cleared £1,000 by the performance in the course of a month.[5]

1668-9.—"SECRET LOVE OR THE MAIDEN QUEEN," by John
p. 65 Dryden.[6] (By the King's players.)

[1] "Diary," vol. ii., p. 22.
[2] "Shirley's Dramatic Works," by Dyce, vol. ii., p. 275.
[3] "Diary," vol. ii., p. 240; vol. iii., p. 164; vol. vi., p. 298; vol. vii., p. 309, 412.
[4] "Diary," vol. iv., p. 325; vol. vi., p. 43. [5] "Life of Betterton," p. 97.
[6] "'Secret Love, or the Maiden Queen,' as it is acted by his Majesty's Servants

This celebrated play has the disadvantage of being not only in blank verse, but of having many important passages in rhyme, a method which prejudicially affects the natural flow of the language. This is particularly noticeable in the otherwise beautiful scenes between the queen and *Philocles* her lover. The plot is said to have been taken in part from some older writers, and in part to have been suggested by the king, who greatly admired it, and called it his play. It is very similar in construction to Scribe's well-known "Le Verre d'Eau," where queen Anne and Captain Masham occupy the respective positions of the Sicilian queen and *Philocles*, and the same scheme is adopted for the conclusion. Although the king claimed to have had a hand in the construction of the piece, he is understood to have objected to the mixture of broad comedy and serious drama as being inartistic. He also thought it liable to exception as treating the bond of marriage too lightly, in the love scenes between *Florimel* and *Celadon*, in the presence of the maiden queen. This, Dryden in his preface, submitting his judgment to that of the king, admits to have been a fault. In the conclusion he speaks of the "chief parts, both serious and comic, having been performed to the height of excellence." The great attraction of the piece, however, was the acting of Nell Gwyn in the part of *Florimel*, a maid of honour. She was then about nineteen years of age, and lived in Maypole Alley, leading from Newcastle Street to Drury Lane. A description of her standing at the door and watching the milkmaids on the 1st of May, 1667, dancing round the maypole, recently re-erected at the bottom of Newcastle Street, is to be found in Pepys's[1] diary. In the last act *Florimel*, wishing to thwart her lover *Celadon* in his attempted amours with two sisters *Orinda* and *Sabina*, disguises herself as a young nobleman and makes love to the two young ladies. Being challenged to fight with *Celadon*, she refuses and, instead of duelling, dances a jig. The "Maiden Queen" was brought out at the king's theatre on the 2nd February, 1666-7. The dialogue between *Florimel* and *Celadon* has been described as

at the Theater Royal, written by John Dryden, Esq^r^., London . . . 1669" A preface by Dryden dedicates the play to the king. When the play was printed the cast of the chief parts was as follows: *Queen of Sicily*, Mrs. Marshall; *Arteria*, her confidant, Mrs. Knep; *Florimel*, a maid of honour, Mrs. Ellen Guyn; *Lysimartes*, prince of the blood, Mr. Burt; *Philocles*, Major Mohun; *Celadon*, Mr. Hart.

[1] Vol. vi., p. 296.

"a prize fight of wits."[1] The play had a long run, and is criticized as follows by Pepys:[2]

"2nd March, 1666-7. After dinner with my wife to the king's house to see the 'Mayden Queene,' a new play of Dryden's, mightily commended for the regularity of it and the strain and wit: and the truth is there is a comical part done by Nell, which is Florimell, that I never can hope ever to see the like done again, by man or woman. The king and the Duke of York were at the play. But so great performance of a comical part was never, I believe, in the world before as Nell do this, both as a mad girle, then most and best of all when she comes in like a young gallant; and hath the motions and carriage of a spark the most that ever I saw any man have."

p. 73 1668-9. "THE LITTLE FFRENCH LAWYER," a comedy, in five acts, by Beaumont and Fletcher.[3] (By the King's players.)

The leading part of this piece is *La Writt*, the little lawyer, who is forced against his will to put down his blue bag and take part as second in a duel. Thenceforth he neglects his affairs and becomes a fire-eater, challenging the judges who decide against his clients. It is a well-drawn and comical character, and the final catastrophe where he engages in a duel with an opposing lawyer and their seconds decamp with their masters' clothes, leaving them stripped to the waist in the snow, too cold to use their weapons, is humorously dealt with. The scene is laid in Paris. This led Hallam to conjecture that "The Little French Lawyer" had its origin in some French novel or drama. On reflection, however, he was of opinion that it was derived from a Spanish source, whence Beaumont and Fletcher drew the plots of many of their plays.[4]

p. 73 Allhallows, 1670.—"SIR MARTIN MAR-ALL," a comedy, in five acts, by John Dryden. (By the Duke's players.)

This play was produced in 1667 and published in 1669. It is an adaptation of "L'Etourdi," by Molière, and was a very successful work. It is an amusing production, but the comedy of the French writer is reduced to low comedy, bordering on farce, by the English adapter. The character of *Lélie* in Molière's play is that of a blundering, inconsequential gentleman who, notwithstanding his unlucky blunders, gains the woman on whom he has set his affections. *Sir*

[1] "Diary," vol. vi., p. 203.
[2] "Diary," vol. vi., p. 203; *ibid.*, p. 336; *ibid.*, vol. vii., p. 286.
[3] Works, vol. iii., p. 1225.
[4] Hallam, "Literary History," vol. iii., p. 110.

Martin Mar-all, on the other hand, is little better than a self-sufficient idiot, who ultimately marries the waiting maid, while *Millicent*, the lady, marries the valet. This result has been much and, I think, rightly censured. The French public would have been shocked at a man of family being married to a servant, and more than shocked at the spectacle of a young lady of wealth and good family disguising herself in order to marry a valet, who had never exhibited any inclination for her. The English public of the day would, I suppose, have been less scandalized at this result than at the melancholy spectacle of such a woman being thrown away upon a fool. Pepys, reflecting the tastes of the period, describes it as "mighty witty[1] and fullest of proper matter for mirth that ever was writ."

Candlemass, 1670-1, and again on 2nd February, 1685-6.— p. 81
"THE COMMITTEE," a comedy, in five acts, by Sir Robert Howard, p. 238
K.B. (By the King's players.)

This play, which seems to have been a favourite with audiences of the restoration period, was published in 1665. The author, Sir Robert Howard, was a younger son of the Earl of Berkshire. His sister, Lady Elizabeth Howard, was married to John Dryden, who assisted Sir Robert in some of his literary efforts, and no doubt helped him to the position he attained as an author and dramatist. Evelyn[2] speaks of "The Committee" as a "ridiculous play," but agrees with Pepys that Lacey's Irish footman was "played to admiration." Pepys, who saw it in 1663, when Cromwell's daughter, then Lady Fauconbridge, was present in a box, thought it an indifferent play.[3] In August, 1667, when Mrs. Knepp was one of the players, he liked it better.[4] The rest of the cast is not mentioned. The scene is laid in London during the commonwealth, and deals with the iniquities of the committee for compounding or dealing with the sequestered estates of the royal party. Being produced after the restoration, it naturally favours the cavaliers. *Mr. Day*, chairman of the committee, and *Mrs. Day*, his wife, a scheming, vulgar, talkative woman, who has been raised from a position of domestic service to be the wife of the committee man, when she is addressed as "her ladyship," are not very interesting parts. *Ruth*, the daughter

[1] "Diary," vol. vii., p. 261.
[2] "Diary," vol. i., p. 371.
[3] "Diary," vol. iii., p. 165.
[4] *Ibid.*, vol. vii., p. 67.

of a deceased cavalier, whose estates are being administered by *Mr. Day*, and whom they describe as their daughter, is a very bright and amusing part, which was played, I imagine, by Mrs. Knepp. The great attraction of the play, however, was an Irish servant named *Teague*. It appears to have been the first dramatic conception of an Irishman of the rollicking, faithful, and blundering type, made familiar to us now by a continued series of excellent actors. It is said that the original of the part was an Irishman in the service of the Howards, whose faithful blunders and eccentricities are worked out by Dryden. The play had considerable popularity, as appears from contemporary writers, and this is to some extent supported by the fact that it appears to have been acted at least thrice in the hall of the Inner Temple.[1] The plot, however, is wanting in originality, and there are no really fine passages in the text. Plays dealing with the affairs of the commonwealth are but few. They were probably, for many reasons, not very attractive. "The Roundheads, or the Good Old Cause," by Mrs. Aphra Behn,[2] dealt in scandalous fashion with Cromwell's widow and his daughters, and was even thus by no means successful.

p. 81 On the occasion of *The Committee* being performed on Candlemass (2nd February), 1670-1, the court were present, and a scaffolding for their reception cost the society £15. It was again played before
p. 238 the lord chancellor and the judges on the grand day in February, 1685-6.

p. 89 1st November, 1671.—"PHILASTER, OR LOVE LYES A BLEEDING," a comedy, in five acts, by Beaumont and Fletcher.[3] (By the King's players.)

Philaster, heir to the throne of Sicily, and a popular favourite, is in love with *Arethusa*, daughter of the reigning king, who has promised her hand, and the succession to the throne, to the prince of Spain. The prince is drawn with all those frailties with which popular opinion in the seventeenth century debited a Spanish grandee. *Philaster* has in his service a page called *Bellario*, who is, however, the daughter of a Sicilian noble. This young lady, rightly named *Euphrasia*, is, in performance of a vow, making a pilgrimage

[1] It was played again on 1st November, 1703; p. 385.
[2] "Plays by Mrs. Behn" (3rd ed.), vol. i., p. 284. London, 1724.
[3] "Works," vol. i., p. 75.

in man's attire, and by the same vow is forbidden to disclose her sex till the end of her pilgrimage. To facilitate his love-making with *Arethusa*, *Philaster* sends her *Bellario* as an attendant, with the result that the confidence and affection naturally arising between the two women, give rise to doubts of *Arethusa's* chastity, and in these doubts *Philaster*, among others, is led to concur. The troubles and complications, arising from this equivocal position, fill the five acts of the play and provide powerful situations for both *Philaster* and *Bellario*. Ultimately *Bellario* meets her father, thus ending her pilgrimage. She declares herself. The Spanish pretender is driven off by the Sicilians. *Philaster* is recognized as rightful heir to the throne, is married to *Arethusa*, and the play ends in a short epilogue. The parts of *Philaster* and *Bellario* are well and powerfully drawn. The language is in the best tone of the dramatists, and the interest in the play is well sustained throughout. *Philaster*, a part which had originally been played by Burbage,[1] was filled at this time by Betterton, and *Bellario* was impersonated by Nell Gwyn. In this part she made a great success, although it is a serious and almost tragic rôle. From first to last there is no touch of comedy, much less of that species of farce in which from all accounts Nell was inimitable. Many of her speeches are long and would tax the powers of a thoughtful and experienced comedian. There is no love scene in which she is engaged, and no opportunity for a dance or a song. But her small and lissome figure, with a slight tendency to plumpness, her musical voice and clear intonation, with the charm invariably attaching to her style, must have made her a very fascinating boy.

The plot of "Philaster" is more improbable than would be agreeable to modern taste, while the motives and the sentiments of the several characters would now be regarded as somewhat overstrained. Notwithstanding, however, the somewhat qualified praise of Pepys,[2] who was "disappointed," and of Hallam[3] who describes it as not first-rate, "Philaster" has always appeared to me a very charming play, and one of the best of the productions of Beaumont and Fletcher. It is admirable from a dramatic standpoint. As a literary work it is far above the level of the dramatists

[1] "Lives of the Actors in Shakespeare's Plays," p. 25.
[2] "Diary," vol. ii., p. 139; vol. viii., p. 33.
[3] "Literary History," vol. iii., p. 100.

of the restoration, and not inferior to those of even a later era. Many of the lines are strikingly beautiful, and even Hallam admits that it contains "frequent sweetness of poetry."

p. 108 Candlemass, 1675-6, and 1st November, 1686.—"THE SPANISH
p. 244 CURATE," a comedy, in five acts, by Beaumont and Fletcher.[1] (By the King's players.)

The plot, which is laid in Spain, is not of a very interesting character, and is probably taken from some Spanish source. It has, however, some droll situations. Amongst these is a scene in which *Lopez*, the curate, and *Diego*, his sexton, call a meeting of the parishioners and upbraid them for their wilful neglect of the interests of the church in failing to marry, to have christenings, and to die, upon all of which occasions fees are payable to the curate and the clerk. After a colloquy carried on in mock solemnity, during which the curate and sexton announce their intended departure, the parishioners prevail on *Lopez* and *Diego* to remain, undertaking that the younger members of the flock shall marry and provide christenings, and that there shall be more funerals than of old. In another scene the curate, who is assisting *Leandro* in an intrigue with the wife of *Bartolus*, the parish lawyer, sends for the latter to make a will for *Diego*, who is put into bed and represented as dying. The parishioners assist in this function and take part in the instructions. By various devices the lawyer is thus kept away from his house while his place is supplied by the lady's lover.

Hallam speaks well of this play, and places it in the highest rank.[2] Pepys saw it twice, but apparently did not like it,[3] though he speaks of it as a good play. The characters of *Lopez*, the curate, in this piece, of *Sir Roger*, the parson, in "The Scornful Lady," and of *Dominic*, the friar, in "The Spanish Friar," indicate the low social position which was occupied by the inferior ranks of the clergy in the seventeenth century.

p. 108 All Saints' Day, 1675.—"THE SCORNFUL LADY," a comedy, in five acts, by Beaumont and Fletcher.[4] (By the King's players.)

A charming play, reflecting the domestic manners of the period, and full of allusions to local habits. It is not coarse in situation,

[1] "Works," vol. ii., p. 465. [2] "Literature of Europe," vol. iii., p. 103.
[3] "Diary," vol. i., p. 360; *ibid.*, vol. ii., p. 163.
[4] "Works," vol. i., p. 231.

though somewhat coarse in language. Addison admired it and admitted that the character of *Vellum* in "The Drummer" was taken from that of *Savil* in "The Scornful Lady."[1] Pepys saw it many times, but gives no description or opinion of the play.[2] The character of the scornful, sharp-tongued but affectionate lady is skilfully and effectively sustained throughout. Doll Common played *Abigail*, a vicious and intriguing chambermaid, and Mrs. Knepp a widow.[3]

Candlemas-day, 1681. Before the Lord Chancellor and Judges —"London Cuckolds," a comedy, in five acts, by Edward Ravenscroft. (By the Duke's players.) p. 183

The author of this play was a member of the Middle Temple,[4] who gave up the study of the law for dramatic composition. It was written in disparagement of the city, and was a counterblast to their disapproval of comedies and stage players. It was given for many years on each 9th of November (lord mayor's day), at both Covent Garden and Drury Lane. It is described in the "Life of James Quin"[5] as "the most rank play that ever succeeded." It certainly cannot be contended that it is a decent play, but it must be admitted that it is amusing. Some of the actresses, however, after a time refused to perform any part in it, and in 1751 Garrick declared that it should never disgrace the boards of his theatre. From that date it has not been seen in London. It was given in our hall on grand day in February, 1681-2, a special allowance being made to the master of the revels. The lord chancellor (Lord Nottingham), a former member of the society, and many of the judges, with other distinguished persons, were present. As its first production was at the theatre in Dorset Gardens in 1682,[6] the performance at our inn in February of that year was in the nature of a dress rehearsal, or at all events one of its very earliest representations. It was published later in 1682, "as it is acted at the Duke's theatre."[7] It

[1] Hallam's "Literary History," vol. iii., p. 105.

[2] "Diary," vol. i., p. 294, 318, 345; vol. ii., p. 396; vol. vi., p. 115; vol. vii., p. 115; vol. viii., p. 37.

[3] *Ibid.*, vol. vi., p. 115.

[4] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xlvii., p. 316.

[5] London, 1887, p. 14.

[6] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xlvii., p. 317.

[7] "The London Cuckolds, a comedy as it is acted at the Duke's theatre. By Edward Ravenscroft, gent. London: Printed for Jas. Hindmarsh at the sign of the Black Bull near the Royal Exchange in Cornhill. Anno. Dom. 1682."

appears from this edition that Mrs. Barry, Mrs. Coror, and Mrs. Petty played the leading women's parts. The prologue was spoken by Mrs. Barry. The piece is not to be found in any editions of the plays of this period, and copies of it are scarce. The description given above is by no means exaggerated, and under the circumstances it is not surprising that our colleague's works have long since disappeared from the stage.

p. 183 On All Saints' Day, 1682, before the Judges.—"RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE," a comedy, in five acts by Beaumont and Fletcher.[1] (By the Duke's players.)

This is founded on the same story as Shakespeare's "Catherine and Petruchio," where a husband of humble position marries a headstrong and imperious woman of fortune and good family, and moulds her to his wishes by resolution, courage, and honesty of demeanour. It is not a very interesting play, but it gives good scope for acting in the principal parts, those of *Leon*, the husband, and *Margarita*, the wife. Betterton is said to have played the principal part, *Michael Perez*.[2] The under-plot, where an intriguing chambermaid takes in a money-hunting colonel, is said to be borrowed from Cervantes, but the type is common enough in plays of all countries, and the original idea is probably beyond the limits of inquiry. Pepys,[3] who saw it in 1661, did not like it; but Hallam,[4] discussing it as a literary work, speaks of the vigour of the characters and the vivacity of the humour, and thinks it must have required a powerful company to play it well.

p. 212 1st November, 1683.—"THE PLAIN DEALER," a comedy, in five acts, by William Wycherley. (By Alexander Davenant, by appointment of his brother Charles and Betterton, and the rest of the sharers of the Duke's house.)

This play, produced by Wycherley in 1674, and printed in 1676, has been the subject of much unfavourable criticism. There is hardly a character in the piece in which one can take an honest interest. It is said to have been partly founded on "Le Misanthrope"

[1] "Works," vol. iii., p. 1018.

[2] "Life and Times of that Renowned Actor, Thomas Betterton." London, 1888, p. 101.

[3] "Diary," vol. ii., p. 1.

[4] "Literary History," vol. iii., p. 109.

of Molière, and that the character of *Fidelia*, who follows her lover in boy's clothes, is taken from "Viola" in "Twelfth Night," but the distance in each case, between the foundation and the superstructure, is immense. The dedication "To my Lady B.," a noted procuress and plain-dealer, is perhaps the best part of the book.[1] William Wycherley's father, Daniel, was a barrister of this inn, to which the author was admitted in 1659 at the age of 19. In 1662 he was appointed controller for the christmas. His portrait by Lely in 1668 presents him as a handsome young man. It was engraved in 1703, and, according to Pope, Wycherley, then aged 64, in sickness and in penury, himself suggested the motto, "quantum mutatus ab illo."[2] p. 17

1st November, 1684, Allhallows-day.—"THE FOND HUSBAND, OR THE PLOTTING SISTERS," a comedy, in five acts, by T. Durfey. (By the players of the Duke's house.) p. 212

Tom Durfey's various productions were popular at the time, and this was probably one of his best.[3] It was licensed in June, 1676, and was played as late as 15th June, 1713, when Richard Steele, having induced the management of Drury Lane to produce it for the author's benefit, recommended the public to visit it and to support "my old friend, Tom Durfey." Charles II. witnessed the comedy on three of the first five nights of its performance.

4th November, 1685.—"THE SOLDIER'S FORTUNE," a comedy, in five acts, by Thomas Otway. (By Mr. Davenant's players.) p. 230

This play was written by Otway after his return from Flanders, where he was an officer in the Duke of Monmouth's regiment. It was produced in 1681, Betterton[4] and Mrs. Barry playing the principal parts. It is a grossly indecent play, which is said to have taken "extraordinarily well." The charge of indecency is, however, combatted by Mrs. Aphra Behn, who professes to be shocked at the pruriency of women who are ready to see indecency in it.[5]

2nd February, 1686-7.—"THE SPANISH FRIAR," called "The Spanish Priest," a comedy, in five acts, by John Dryden. (By Mr. Davenant's players.) p. 244

This play, which was produced in 1681-2, is somewhat similar

[1] See "Spectator," No. 266.
[2] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. lxiii., p. 195.
[3] *Ibid.*, vol. xvi., pp. 252-253; "Guardian," No. 82.
[4] "Life of Betterton," p. 97. Betterton played the part of Beaugard.
[5] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xlii., p. 348.

to the "Spanish Curate" by Beaumont and Fletcher, inasmuch as the character of *Lopez*, the curate in the latter, resembles that of *Dominic*, the friar, in the former. In both he is represented as a sensual, scandalous priest, who easily lends himself, in consideration of liberal doles, to an intrigue by the young wife of an old usurer with a gallant lover. It must be admitted, however, that the *Dominic* of Dryden is by far the more entertaining ecclesiastic of the two. The serious portion of the play, where *Torrismond*, a valiant and honest soldier, in love with *Leonora*, queen of Arragon, is opposed by *Bertram*, a prince of the blood, also a courtier of the queen, is marred by the tacit assent given by the queen to the murder of the captive king in order to secure her marriage with *Torrismond*. The scenes between him and the queen, and indeed every scene in which either is on the boards, is finely written and impressive, and the "Spanish Friar" may, I think, be fairly described as the best of Dryden's plays. The climax, when it appears that *Bertrand* had not carried out the murder and that the king still lives, does not altogether relieve the unpleasant effect of the situation previously created, although the queen's penitence and proposed retirement enlist sympathy with her. The intrigue between *Elvira*, the usurer's wife, and *Lorenzo*, a colonel in the queen's army, is interrupted by various comical devices, and is ultimately put an end to, when they are in the act of eloping, by the discovery that they are brother and sister—a catastrophe which would not be altogether to the taste of the present day, although it was apparently not objected to in the seventeenth or eighteenth centuries. The play was prohibited at court by James II. on the ground of its treatment of the roman catholic priesthood. After the revolution it was the first piece commanded by queen Mary, who, in 1689, was present at its performance. The choice was unfortunate, for the play abounds in expressions which were hailed by the jacobites as applying to her conduct towards the deposed king, her father, and unpleasant comments were made upon her encouraging a drama which was said to be a slander upon the roman catholic religion, his attachment to which had cost her father a throne.[1] But Mary had been away from England for many years

[1] "Works of John Dryden," by Sir Walter Scott, Bart. London, 1821, Second edition, vol. vi., p. 371, n.f. "Lives of the Queens of England," by Agnes Strickland. London, 1847, vol. xi., p. 40.

before her accession and probably knew little, if anything, of the plays then in vogue. Her distress during the representation, which was followed by a continued enmity to Dryden, then leagued with her enemies, whom she suspected of having brought about her discomfiture, sufficiently shows that she had not been previously made aware of the character of the piece.[1]

1st November, 1687.—"THE CHEATS OF SCAPIN," a comedy, in five acts, by T. Otway. (By players engaged by Mr. Davenant.) p. 253

This play is an adaptation of "Les Fourberies de Scapin," by Molière.

WILLIAM AND MARY.

The revolution of 1688, which, without bloodshed, put William and Mary upon the throne, is followed by a considerable diminution in the interest of our records. Trials for high treason, which had been frequent during the previous reigns, no longer occupied the same prominent position. Judges, paid by fixed salaries, and irremoveable except by a resolution of the two houses of parliament, were no longer subject to the influence of the throne. Parliament having assumed control of the general administration of the country, the crown no longer interfered in the private affairs of its subjects or in those of the inns of court. One great lawyer and independent judge, Sir John Holt, occupied the post of lord chief justice from the accession of William and Mary for a period of twenty-one years. At the same time a great and immediate accession of business is recognized. Our parliament and bench table orders become so numerous and so voluminous that, as will be observed, it has been necessary to re-arrange the principle upon which they are set out, and by, what I hope will be considered, judicious curtailments, to render them available for the purpose of these calendars. The civil war had been followed by visitations of pestilence and of fire, which endangered and crippled our society. Plots, a threatened outbreak of a second civil war, an arbitrary and unconstitutional reign followed by an informal abdication, had distracted the country. And now that England had settled down to, what it hoped would prove, the establishment of public peace and national prosperity, our society joined in the general aspiration and proceeded to set its house in order. One of the early steps was to introduce a more businesslike system

[1] In the cast Betterton played *Torrismond* and Mrs. Betterton *Elvira*. "Life of Betterton," p. 97.

than heretofore by regulating the duties, emoluments and privileges of the treasurer, the under treasurer, the benchers and other officials of
p. 175 the inn. It had been decided in 1682, that there should be a
p. 178 permanent under-treasurer whose duties, then defined, were from
p. 274 time to time extended as business increased. In June, 1691, the earliest orders as to the treasurer appear in the minutes. Up to this date, as will have been remarked, a treasurer was often re-elected for several years, especially if he were one of the law officers, as had recently happened in the case of Sir Heneage Finch, afterwards lord chancellor. By the new orders, which are still in force, the treasurer
T.O. 21 was elected annually in Michaelmas term, for one year only, and not
T.O. 27 to be elected again until each bencher had served his turn according to his seniority. The treasurer's emoluments, arising from fees and otherwise, had hitherto been varying and uncertain. It was now
T.O. 25 declared that each treasurer should be allowed the sum of £100 for
p. 275 the duties of his office. He was not to claim any further or other recompense or allowance,[1] and was prohibited spending any sum exceeding £5 from the funds of the society without the leave of the bench. By a further order, the question of precedence was settled
p. 276 strictly according to seniority of election, except in the cases of the attorney and solicitor general, who, while in office, were allowed
T.O. 23 precedence. King's counsel, as such, were given no rights of precedence. The choice of bench chambers, at a parliament, was also declared to be according to seniority, beginning with the
T.O. 28 treasurer, and that no bencher should be eligible for such choice, unless he had been personally present at the bench table, and had dined twice in each of the two terms immediately preceding.
p. 277 Exceptions were, however, made in favour of members of parliament, who in the interest of their constituents were not required to keep these terms. With regard to appointments to the staff of
T.O. 78 the society, which had hitherto apparently been in the gift of the
p. 312 treasurer, it was ordered that the under-treasurer, the steward, and the chief butler should always be appointed by the bench table and confirmed by a parliament. Other servants (except the cook) if their places fell vacant in term time were to be selected by the
p. 317 bench, but, if in vacation, then by the treasurer. The head cook's

p 310 [1] The first payment of £100 by way of allowance to the treasurer was made to Sir Edward Ward in 1694.

place, however, was specially declared to be in the gift of the treasurer, whether the vacancy occurred in or out of term. All orders of the bench were to be regularly entered by the under-treasurer, and the accounts of the treasurer and others to be duly audited. Payments to the officers of the house, other than the under-treasurer, on a call to the bar, were settled in June, 1697, at £2 14*s.* 6*d.*, inclusive of 5*s.* to the treasurer's clerk, but exclusive of 10*s.* to the under-treasurer. Those on a call to the bench were left as before. Twenty sets of chambers and no more were allotted to the benchers, and arrangements were made, from time to time, to pay for their repairs out of the funds of the house. Substantial sums were allowed to certain benchers on account of the expenses of their chambers in February, 1693, and in 1700, the treasurer, John Clendon, was allowed £50 towards his repairs. Bench chambers were also repaired at the cost of the inn after the great storm in 1704, and further orders were made in 1708.

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About this time also, November, 1692, it was contemplated to "transfer the interest of both Temples to trustees of both societies," and the treasurer was directed to confer with his brother of the Middle Temple and report the result to the inn. There is no such report extant, but the question was revived in June, 1695, when a resolution was passed "that a conference be desired with the Middle Temple touching the lodging of the freehold of both Houses in an equal number of each House." Nothing, however, was done in this direction until 1732, when a deed of arrangement, and to some extent of partition, was executed, by which the limits of the two societies were finally determined.

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I do not find any special orders or proposals for improving or enforcing the study of the law. Students still learned their law at moots and at lectures, by sitting in court, and, most important of all, by regular study and attendance in barristers' chambers, followed by imparlance, or by meetings or conferences to discuss among themselves the various points which had arisen during the day.

The bench continued to exercise their antient jurisdiction over the several inns of chancery, for which readers were regularly appointed. The principal and antients of Clement's Inn were summoned, in November, 1689, to show cause why they were not in commons. Edward Gerrard, the principal, was ordered, in

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November, 1690, to clear and discharge his accounts for the seven
p. 278 years he had been principal of that inn, the accounts to be duly
p. 283 audited, and all parties to attend the table. In November, 1690,
p. 279 the principal and rules of Clifford's Inn were summoned to show cause why they did not elect a reader, and were ordered to do so forthwith. A yearly rent of £6 3*s.* 4*d.* was received from Lyon's Inn in respect of certain shops which belonged to this society within the boundary of that inn, and readers were appointed as to our other
p. 302 inns of chancery. In November, 1693, the treasurer of Lyon's Inn was summoned to show cause why he did not attend the reader
p. 311 appointed by this society. In March, 1693-4, an order was issued that the treasurer and antients of Lyon's Inn do inquire what reputed papists or "non-jurats" have chambers in the society, and return their names to her majesty's commissioners in the Inner Temple library on 24th March.

A memorandum, dated 25th January, 1689-90, refers to the case
p. 321 of William Fry at Gray's Inn. This gentleman was a member of the society, and complained to the judges that he had been passed over in calls to the bench. His appeal was heard by Chief Justice Holt, Justice Gregory, and Barons Nevill and Turton. They decided that it was discretionary with the benchers as to the person and the time when they would call to the bench: and that they could not be required to assign any reason for their refusal to call any person to the bench, although if they had called and then disbenched him they could be summoned to give their reason for such
p. 363 disbenching.[1] On Friday, 7th February, 1700-1, an entertainment was given to the treasurer and benchers of Gray's Inn. The hour appointed was six o'clock in the afternoon, when the guests were received by torchlight and entertained with canary for about half an hour till the supper was ready in the library, and were then treated to "a very handsome supper and plenty of Burgundy wine." The festivities were prolonged until midnight, when the porters prepared coaches for the masters of Gray's Inn and brought them to the hall steps. The occasion of this unique act of hospitality is not recorded.

The garden and the general appearance of the inn, which had been much considered under the commonwealth, was neglected after

[1] The same view was held by the judges on the appeal of Mr. Abraham Hayward, Q.C., in 1848. "Miscellanea," vol. ii., fo. 84.

the restoration. Beyond the payment of the gardeners' wages and sums for paving the summerhouse and for new flower pots, little, if anything, appears to have been spent on the garden for a period of over twenty-eight years. After the accession of the new king and queen attention was again directed to its improvement, and it rapidly assumed the appearance of a formal garden according to the then prevailing taste. In 1689, King's Bench Walk was newly planted with chestnut and lime trees. In the following year the walks were newly gravelled at a cost of £203 10*s*., and an alehouse kept by the gardener within the garden was shut up. A wall near the King's Bench office was lowered to the level of the garden wall next the Thames, and the bricks thus obtained were used to build a greenhouse. The Alienation office having disappeared in the great fire, possession of the garden, which lay between the King's Bench office and Serjeants' Inn, was resumed by the society. In 1693 it was taken in hand by the benchers and converted into a private garden, of which each bencher had a key. It was called the "bencher's garden," the "privy garden," or the "little garden," to distinguish it from the great garden abutting on the river. Some elms, which had formerly obstructed the view from Serjeants' Inn, were cut down. Walks were made with broken shell, grass plats were laid down, and a fountain with a lion's face and a copper scallop shell to receive the water, was erected in the centre, under a copper cherry tree with spreading branches. Bulbs were planted which, with rows of orange trees in tubs, gave it the appearance of a dutch garden. In 1696, it was again put in order at a cost of £30, a sun-dial was set up, water was laid on, a tiled summer house was built, and it became the subject of much attention from the masters of the bench. The great garden also underwent a similar transformation. The walks were newly laid with cockle shells. Jessamines, peaches, "nectrons," cherries and plum trees were supplied, and every year sums of money were devoted to it. Numerous elm and lime trees were planted in rows, and others which interfered with the symmetry of the broad walks were cut down. Standard laurels, junipers, hollies and box trees were planted. Under the treasurership of Sir Simon Harcourt (afterwards lord chancellor) the garden was ornamented with fifteen yew trees in pots, and the beds were filled with jonquils, tulips, yellow dutch

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p. 343 crocuses, fifty "armathagalum" with box trees and "fillerayes."
p. 391 Orange trees in tubs stood along the terrace. These were carried to Islington for the winter, and returned to the Temple in the summer until 1705, when a glass covered shed was constructed for
p. 406 their protection. In 1707 a pedestal for the dial on the great garden steps was supplied, at a cost of £25, by Edward Strong. This was the contractor for S. Paul's, which he built under Wren's superintendence.

By the end of the seventeenth century the inn had become well supplied with taverns and coffee houses in its immediate vicinity. The *Devil tavern*, as already mentioned, was a source of continual trouble to the society. The *Fountain tavern* at the Temple Gate,
p. 294 formerly the *Prince's Arms*, of which Southerby was landlord and
p. 340 Dixon tenant, had opened windows into Inner Temple lane without
p. 341 the leave of the society. These were in May, 1698, stopped up by order of the house, and were reopened only upon Dixon acknowledging the right of the society to stop his lights and agreeing to pay 2*s.* 6*d.* per annum as an acknowledgment and a rent, to "keep apart for the use of the masters of the bench the best room in his house upon any public show or occasion," and to sign the entry in the records. This arrangement was duly carried out, and payments will be found in respect of refreshments supplied to the benchers when occupying a room at the *Fountain* to witness the
p. 370 proclamation of queen Anne and her visit to the city. The *Rain-*
p. 386 *bow* coffee house in Fleet Street, which had formerly belonged to
p. 299 Farr, and afterwards to his widow, under the name of Farr's coffee house, had windows looking into Inner Temple Lane, and others looking into Hare Court, and for these a payment was made by
p. 271 Hargrove, the tenant, of 6*s.* 8*d.* and 2*s.* a year respectively. The
p. 263 windows in the Inner Temple Lane were to be obscured by lattices, and the rooms in the basement to be used only as cellars. The *Star*
p. 261 was at the Inner Temple gate. This vintner was summoned before the bench table in May, 1689, for causing a nuisance by his bar bells, etc. On promise of future good conduct he was dismissed.
p. 238 The *Mitre tavern* was outside the entrance to Mitre Court buildings. *Hall's coffee house* was at the Whitefriars gate. On the occasion of a fire at this house in 1686 a sum of £4 was paid by us to the servants of "the Insurance Office and Friendly Society" for their

help in preserving the Temple buildings from the conflagration which was sufficiently near to be a source of considerable danger.[1] The *Horn tavern*, where the two treasurers met in 1707, "about the church," was on the other side of Fleet Street, and is now known as Anderton's hotel. There were, also, in close proximity to both gateways, a considerable number of taverns and coffee houses not actually mentioned in our books. *The Palsgrave Head* was on the site now occupied by Lloyd's Bank. Its occupant issued a $\frac{1}{2}d.$ token having, on the obverse, the figure of a man in armour wearing a full wig and holding in his left hand a short sword or baton, with an inscription, THE PALSGRAV HEAD TAVERN. The reverse had, in the field, HER HALFE PENNY D.D., inscribed WITHOVT · TEMPLE · BARR. *Dick's* coffee house was opened about 1688. *The Hercules' Pillars*, a house much frequented by Pepys and his friends, as well as by the counsellors of the Temple, was between the Inner Temple gate-house and Serjeants' Inn. The proprietor of this house issued a $\frac{1}{2}d.$ token, having, on the obverse, a figure of Hercules with a pillar in each hand, with the inscription, THE HERCULUS PILLERS; on the reverse, the initials I. M. S. and the inscription IN FLEET STREETE. There were also others, including *The Cock*, too numerous to mention. *The Devil tavern* or, according to its correct name, *The Dunstan and Devil tavern*, one of the oldest in London, was down an alley to the west of the Middle Temple gateway, and occupied the spot known, from 1787 to 1879, as Childs' Place. About the latter date it was taken into Childs' bank. It faced the windows looking westward from Hare Court. Tokens were issued in 1658 by John Simon Wadlow, the proprietor, with the following inscription on the obverse: AT THE D[EVIL] AND DUNSTAN'S, with S. Dunstan holding the devil by the nose: on the reverse, WITHIN TEMPLE BARRE, with the initials J. S. W. From a drawing by Cleghorne in 1746, its sign, hanging from an iron stanchion into Fleet Street, displayed S. Dunstan sitting in a chair gazing at his crucible, with the devil, as a black man, looking over his shoulder and grinning. The devil, however, had long since supplanted the saint in public estimation, and driven him out of the partnership, as the tavern had, even from the time of Ben Jonson, been known by the name of *The Devil*, and later on as *The Old Devil* to distinguish it

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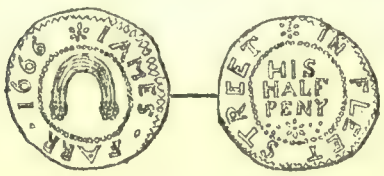
[1] £10 had been paid to "the insurer's men" in 1683, which is a very early reference to fire insurance, but there is no mention of any office or society. p. 200

from *The New Devil*, started on the opposite side of the road about 1689.[1] In 1666 James Farr of *The Rainbow* issued a token, with the inscription on the obverse: JAMES FARR, 1666, with a rainbow based on clouds; on the reverse, IN FLEET STREET: HIS HALF-PENNY. He had formerly kept a coffee house, being the second house of that character opened in London. In respect of this house he was prosecuted in 1657 for annoying his neighbours by "evil smells" in "making of a drink called coffee," and setting fire to his chimney to the danger of Daniel Pakeman of the Rainbow. He seems after this to have acquired *The Rainbow*, where he issued his tokens and made a considerable fortune.[2]

p. 309 Jeffryes' portrait having been removed from the hall in February, 1693-4, the treasurer was ordered in June of that year to provide the portraits of king William and queen Mary, "to be set up in the hall." A commission was accordingly given to Sir Godfrey Kneller, and the portraits, now in our hall, were painted by him at a cost p. 310 (including the frames) of £60. At the same time that the monarchs of the revolution were thus honoured, the portraits of those old champions of the law, Sir Edward Coke and Sir Thomas Littleton, p. 315 were reframed by "Driver, the picture frame maker," at a cost of p. 320 £8, and were hung up in the hall with "hooks and rings, with plates, p. 321 screws, and nails." The queen's portrait, however, was not long in the hall before she passed away. It was placed there after the long vacation of 1694, and in December of that year her majesty was attacked by small pox, to which, after a short illness, she succumbed.

[1] A catalogue of London Traders' tokens, presented to the Corporation Library by H. B. H. Beaufoy, F.R.S., by Jacob Henry Burn. Printed for the Corporation, A.D. 1853, p. 75, where Cleghorne's drawing is reproduced.



[2] A catalogue of London Traders' tokens, p. 83. "Brief Lives," by John Aubrey, Oxford, 1898, vol. i., p. 110, gives an interesting account of James Farre. I have obtained a drawing of the token of *The Devil tavern* from Chambers' "Book of Days," vol. i., p. 538, and of *The Rainbow* from Mr. Philip Norman, Tr. S. A. They are reproduced below. Tokens of the *Palsgrave Head* and *Hercules Pillars* are in my possession.

Her eulogy, which was pronounced in the Temple church by the master, Dr. William Sherlock, dean of St. Paul's, is considered a masterpiece of style as a funeral oration. It was, however, after the fashion of the times, made the subject of violent attacks by journalists and preachers opposed to the revolution.

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The pound piece, which under the name of a "guinea," being made of fine gold from New Guinea, was first issued in March, 1663,[1] became a source of trouble which culminated in the reign of king William and was dealt with by the Recoinage Act.[2] Owing to the continued depreciation in value of silver coins from clipping and other causes, the guinea had become of the value of thirty shillings, at which price it was accepted in payment of taxes and other government charges. The Recoinage Act had fixed the highest price of a guinea at twenty-two shillings, at which value it would be accepted by the government on and after the 4th May, 1696. The effect of these new regulations appears in our accounts for 1695-6. In accordance with an order of the bench that this house should bear the loss on the fall in value of the guineas, the under-treasurer was allowed £45 12*s.* on 114 guineas which had fallen from thirty to twenty-two shillings, £10 on 25 guineas at a loss of eight shillings per guinea, and £1 6*s.* on 6½ guineas at a loss of four shillings per guinea. The exact dates of these allowances are not given, but as the 4th May was the last day upon which clipped silver would be received at all by the government, and as the new coinage was being rapidly issued, they may fairly be assumed to have been of some date between the passing of the act in January and the 4th May, 1696.[3]

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The supplying of good and sufficient water to the inn had been effected in 1619 under the auspices of Sir Hugh Middleton. A system of lighting the courts and passages of the inn was undertaken during the reign of king William. Soon after the great fire of 1666 various schemes were tried, and patents were granted to Reeves, Vernatty, Lyndus, and others, for the proper lighting of

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[1] Kenyon, "Gold Coins." London, 1884, pp. 169, 178. The last coinage of guineas was in 1813. *Ibid.*, p. 195.

[2] William III., c. 1. 21st January, 1695-6.

[3] Lord Macaulay says that on the full issue of the new coinage the guinea fell to 21*s.* 6*d.*, being 6*d.* below the price allowed by law. "History," vol. iv., p. 643.

streets and other public and private places.[1] None of these plans appear to have commended themselves to our society until after the year 1694, when, according to Knight,[2] a licence was granted by the corporation to certain persons interested in "glass lights, commonly called or known by the name of convex lights," for the sole supply of the public lights in all public places in the city for
p. 351 twenty-one years. Taking advantage of this new scheme, our benchers in 1698-9 contracted with the proprietors of the convex lights for lighting the society, with sixteen lamps for a year, at £40.
p. 368 The light was also tried in 1702 in a glass lamp in the church, but it was not successful, and was taken down and sent back to the
p. 412 proprietors. A better fate attended the lights in a branch brass candlestick in the hall, which was put up in 1708. In July, 1704, Richard Cole patented "an extraordinary way or invention of forming glasses in conical figures and lamps, to be used not only in streets and other public and private places but also in mines and quarries underground and in ships at sea." The convex lights not
p. 432 being apparently satisfactory, the bench, in 1711, tried the conical lights and agreed with the proprietors for lighting the inn, by their system, at £40 a year. Under this contract the inn continued to be lighted until the end of the reign of queen Anne.

The exterior of the church having been put into thorough repair, and the interior having been decorated under Charles II. and James II., there was little need for expenditure during the succeeding reigns. Some miscellaneous entries, however, relating to the church and its services may be interesting. The night burials, which were frequent under the commonwealth and previously, continued for some few years after the restoration, but ceased, so far as they are recorded, after the death of Dr. Ball in 1684. Sums were
pp. 271, 320 paid, apparently for the first time in 1689, for the decoration of the
p. 260 church at Christmas with holly, ivy, rosemary, and bay leaves. In
p. 291 1692 the master was requested to cause "his most pious and loyal sermon, preached on Sunday last," to be printed. In 1700 the psalms of Brady and Tate were substituted for the older psalter of
p. 348 Sternhold and Hopkins, and thirteen psalm books were purchased at

[1] These are given in the abridgments of specifications, 1637-1866, issued by the Commissioner of Patents, "London," 1871, pp. 1-2.

[2] "London," vol. i., p. 105.

a cost of £1. Places in the church were kept for the ladies, and orders were given not to admit Mrs. Green, the glazier's granddaughter, nor any inferior persons to the ladies' seats. The price of sermons appears from the accounts to have gone up from 10*s.* each in 1614, to 40*s.* each in 1699. In 1704 eight new common prayer books, in folio, for the church, cost £6, the old books being distributed among the members of the inn. In October of the same year it was ordered, that prayers be read in the Temple church every morning except sundays and holy days, as well in term time as in vacation, at 8 a.m.

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A small amount was from time to time expended on necessary repairs to the church, but nothing substantial was done until the treasurership of Nicholas Courtenay, 1694-5. During this period a sum, amounting altogether to about £230, was paid by this society as their proportion of the outlay. There is no description of the work, but it appears from the "New View of London,"[1] that the south-west exterior was newly built with stone and the following inscription set upon the walls :

"VETUSTATE CONSUMPTUM: IMPENSIS UTRIUSQUE SOCIETATIS RESTITUTUM.
NICH: C[OURTNEY] } ARM: THESAUR"
ROGERO BELLINGHAM }

On the 26th and 27th of November, 1703, a terrific hurricane, only approached in intensity by the storm which raged through all Europe on the 3rd of September, 1658, the day of Cromwell's death, swept the whole face of England. It damaged property, in London alone, to the amount of over £2,000,000. It destroyed great quantities of shipping and wrecked the Eddystone light-house, and it had its natural effect on our inn. Numerous entries show the damage done to our tenements, including the master's house, which suffered severely, and was restored at the cost of the two societies. Like, however, the great fires of the seventeenth century, the "Great Storm," as it is called, had no evil effect upon the structure of our church, which thus escaped the hurricane as it had escaped the conflagration. In February, 1703-4, further and other repairs to the church became necessary, and it was agreed to

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[1] Vol. ii., p. 562.

p. 385 join with the Middle Temple in the necessary cost. The work does not appear to have been very pressing, and it was not, in fact, undertaken until 1705-6, when, according to the "New View of London,"[1] the interior was newly whitewashed, gilt and painted, and the pillars of the round portion were wainscotted. A new battlement and buttresses were added on the southern side, the east end
p. 407 of the church was mended with stone, and other parts of the outside were effectively repaired. The figures of the knights were once more cleaned and painted, and the iron work inclosing them was painted
p. 406 and gilt. The amount expended according to the accounts for 1706-7 was, for our share, about £605, including the erection of a new
p. 407 "cupilow," or cupola for the saints bell at the south side of the church. A "knight templar" was also mended with plaster of Paris, at a cost of 4*sh.*

In the course of the year 1705-6, not long after the appointment of Dr. Thomas Sherlock to the mastership, questions arose as to the respective positions of the master and the benchers of the two societies, principally in reference to the fees to be taken on burials. The patent of 1608, which put the benchers into possession of the entire soil of the Temple, and imposed upon them certain obligations in regard to the church, left the position of the master somewhat
Vol. ii., p. 171 undefined. Dr. Micklethwaite made claims of an excessive and unreasonable character, which were not allowed by the benchers, and, on his appeal to the privy council, were not sustained. Dr. Sherlock, a man in sympathy with the Temple, found his position also in many respects unsatisfactory. After some discussion a committee was appointed, consisting of five benchers of each society.
p. 402 They reported on the 6th June, 1706,[2] as to the fees taken in former times, and at the date of their report, for the soil and for the service. For the soil, the fees formerly varied from £2 in the chancel above the steps, to 10*sh.* in the round walk and elsewhere below the chancel and aisle, and for the service 5*sh.* to the curate, 4*sh.* to the clerk, and 3*sh.* 4*d.* to the gravemaker. At the time of the report the rates were, in the round, for the soil £1, for the service, to the master, 10*sh.*, to the clerk, 5*sh.*, to the sexton, 2*sh.* 6*d.* For other burials the rates for the soil varied from 10*sh.* to £3, the

[1] Vol. ii., p. 562.

[2] "Miscellanea," vol. xx., fol. 9, contains the full report.

curate, the clerk and the sexton taking the respective fees of 5*sh.*, 4*sh.*, and 3*sh.* 4*d.* They also reported that it lay upon the master to supply the church, at his own cost, with a minister or reader, and a clerk or sexton, and to officiate daily in the church, either in person or by deputy. That the Inner House had ordered a payment of £100 per annum to be made to Dr. Ball, and subsequently to Dr. W. Sherlock, which had regularly been paid, the Middle Temple, in like terms, ordering a payment of £70 per annum. But that these were voluntary payments, and remained in force so long only as the respective societies were agreeable thereto. This report was affirmed by the benchers of the two societies in 1607. The burials, however, decreased annually in number, and the question seems thus to have been set at rest. We have no copy of Dr. Sherlock's patent, under which it was said that the master was bound to provide at his own expense a reader and a clerk. There is, however, among the "Miscellanea"[1] a copy of the patent granted to Dr. Benson in October, 1826. This appoints him master of the New Temple, and "in consideration of daily service and duty to be celebrated in the said church," gives him all profits and advantages arising therefrom "in as ample manner and form as Dr. Ball, Dr. William Sherlock and Dr. Thomas Sherlock . . . enjoyed the same," together with an annuity of £37 6*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid out of the exchequer. It proceeds:

"We will nevertheless and our intention is that the said Christopher Benson shall from time to time find one Priest, Presbiter or Minister to administer and serve in all and all manner of Divine Services and offices belonging to such Minister within the church aforesaid. And to administer or cause to be administered the Sacrament to all and singular persons residing within the New Temple as often as need shall be. And also one other man called Clerk and Sexton to attend, observe, and execute all and singular matters and things which belong and appertain to such offices within our said church, and that only at the cost, charges and expence of him the said Christopher Benson."

It would seem, therefore, that the patent issued to Dr. Thomas Sherlock was in the same form as that under which Dr. Benson and his predecessors held the office, and that the societies of the Temple not only acted in a voluntary spirit in making the yearly allowance

[1] Vol. xx., fol. 2.

to the master, but also in defraying the expenses of the reader or curate, the clerk and the sexton. This cost they have uniformly borne from the time of king James I.

p. 373 Queen Anne came to the throne in March, 1702. In Michaelmas term of that year it was unanimously agreed that the treasurer, Sir Simon Harcourt, should cause her majesty's portrait to be painted and placed in the hall. This commission he entrusted to Sir Godfrey Kneller, who had finished the work early in the following year. On p. 377 the 28th January he was paid £80, and the picture now in our possession was placed in the hall. In September, 1709, Sir James Thornhill, who was then in high favour with the queen, painted for p. 417 the hall of our society, at the price of £70, the picture of Pegasus, surrounded by Neptune and the Muses, springing from Mount p. 442 Helicon. The arrangement of the pictures in the hall at the death of queen Anne was as follows. At the east end of the hall the queen was in the centre, with William and Mary, and the two judges, Coke and Littleton, on either side. Towards the western end was a screen, beyond the screen the music room or gallery, and over that Sir James Thornhill's picture, which fitted the upper part of the western wall.[1]

The difficulty arising from the multitude of strangers within the inn, which had been felt during and since the commonwealth, had become more pronounced after the restoration, and stringent orders were made, from time to time, for their expulsion. Before the accession of queen Anne the number of these objectionable persons had considerably decreased, in consequence, as I presume, of the stricter and more business-like mode in which the affairs of the society had been conducted. It was probably owing in some measure to this, as well as to other causes, that the financial position of the inn had, by 1704, become very unsatisfactory. In order to relieve the pressure, fifteen members of the bench joined with the treasurer in p. 386 advancing £50 each, without interest, towards paying the debts of the house. This £800 was to be repaid as and when the arrears of commons and other duties should be received. Payments were pp. 398-440 also made by gentlemen, on their call, towards the expenses of the organ. The sums varied, between 1706 and 1714, from £18 to £36.

pp. 330, 342, 350, 356 For various reasons grand day had not been kept in several

[1] At a later date it was removed to a corresponding position on the eastern wall. See a drawing in Knight's "London," vol. iv., p. 353.

terms during the later years of the reign of William III., and the entertainments, after the peace of Ryswick in November, 1697, appear to have been reduced in number and in cost. An attempt was made to relieve this dulness and to revive in the hall some of the old customs. Thus, the players were more frequently in attendance,[1] and it was desired by some of the bench to restore the old practice of dancing in the hall. As the old regulations were presumably still in force, several members were called up to the table for not dancing on grand night in the previous Michaelmas term, and fines *pro non saltando* were imposed. These were afterwards remitted, but in November, 1704, it was ordered that the antient exercise of dancing be revived, and that "for non-performance the usual amercements be imposed." This revival, in the reign of queen Anne, of the customs of the time of queen Elizabeth, does not appear to have been very successful. It was certainly not in accordance with the sentiment of the day, when the dancing men probably preferred the society of ladies, *pro saltando*, to that of each other. Nor was this formal dancing publicly regarded with much favour. In the "Virtuoso," a comedy by Shadwell, published about the date of these orders of revival, the solemn and grave motions of the benchers dancing at their revels are dealt with as a common topic of derision.[2]

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About this time also a scheme, which had previously been propounded and favourably received, was finally adopted. By this arrangement the steward undertook the catering for the hall, providing all necessary food, and taking for his payment the commons then paid, with certain allowances for grand days and other special occasions. The gentlemen messed either three or four together, "as formerly in this society," and gave their names to the butler as they came into commons and went out. The manciple with his duties thus came to an end, and the provisioning of the society was done by contract. In 1708 a new steward (Trowell) was appointed under new conditions. He apparently undertook to make annual payments to the house in consideration of his post. The price of provisions, however, rose considerably after this year, and, in consequence of application by him on this ground, he was in 1709 remitted

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[1] No play of Shakespeare was performed from 1688 to the death of Anne.

[2] "The Virtuoso, a Comedy . . . . written by Thomas Shadwell, Laur." London 1704, p. 39.

p. 427 £50 of the payments due from him, and in 1710 he was remitted £100. In 1713 a committee was appointed to go through the pp. 438, 439 steward's accounts, to see what contract ought to be made with him and what he ought to be paid.

The insistence on the privileges of the Temple, as an antient sanctuary, was maintained after the revolution as it had been under James I. and Charles II. In August, 1697, a debtor from Cornwall, named Humphrey Borlase, who had been arrested within the Inner Temple, was rescued by the members of our society, who resisted the officers and caused a great hubbub, in the course of which several persons were wounded.[1] This being reported to the benchers, an p. 336 order was passed "That this society will maintain the antient privileges of the House and defend the prosecution against the persons concerned in the pretended rescue of Humphrey Borlase, p. 338 Esquire." Their intervention appears to have been to some extent successful, as the indictments were quashed, at a cost to the inn of £46 10*s.* 8*d.* An action having been brought in Michaelmas term against the debtor and others,[2] and motion made to hold the defendants to special bail in £400, the lord chief justice (Sir J. Holt) held that although the Temples were extra parochial and not in the *city* of London or its franchise, yet they were in the *county* of London and within the reach of justice, citing cases where felonies had been committed in the Temple and the felons convicted at the Old Bailey. As to executing of fi-fa or arresting of the students of the Temple, he said there should be due regard paid to the inns of court and the members of the inn, but not to be extended to persons who came thither by fraud and sheltered themselves there with an intent and purpose to cheat their creditors: and finding that the defendant Borlase came from Gray's Inn with this purpose, irregularly and without any certificate from the treasurer, as there should have been, the defendants were ruled to find special bail, which was afterwards fixed at £200. This result appears to have been regarded as establishing the claim of the templars, for I find during the reign of queen Anne that, on two occasions, permission p. 409 p. 416 was solicited of the benchers and granted by them under special

[1] See a letter descriptive of this affair, dated 7 August, 1697. Historical MSS. Commission, 5th Rep., App., p. 386.

[2] Brown v. Borlase and others. "Skinner," fo. 584. Michaelmas term, 9 Will. III.

conditions, to arrest a debtor within the precincts of the Temple. In neither case, however, was the debtor a member of our society, and in each case he was served with notice of the intended arrest.

William Petyt, whose services to the society in 1669 have already been mentioned, died in October, 1707, at the age of 71,[1] and was buried in the Temple church. He had served the several offices of the inn, having been bencher in 1689, reader in 1694, and treasurer in 1701-2. His name appears frequently on committees, and he took great interest in our affairs. During the course of his long career, for many years of which he was keeper of the records in the tower of London, he had made an extensive and valuable collection of antient MSS., among them being original letters of kings and queens of this country, of diplomatists, of foreign agents, and of other distinguished persons. These were kept in the Inner Temple, where they still remain. He had also caused copies to be made of the journals of parliament, of certain royal charters, and of other legal and historical documents to which his official position had given him access. At the time of Petyt's death, and for many succeeding generations, these MSS. were invaluable to the historian and the antiquary. Of late years, however, the labours of the master of the rolls, and his assistants in the record office, of the commissioners of public records, of the historical MSS. commission, and of other public bodies, have deprived Petyt's collections of their special value. Among his papers are a series of letters which passed between roman catholics in England, during the reign of queen Elizabeth, throwing an interesting light upon the inner life of the catholic community at that period. By his will, which was dated 12th July, 1705, he left certain of his MSS. and books, which are set out in our under-treasurer's receipt, in trust that they should be kept together for the public use in a proper place, towards the procurement of which he left a sum of £150, to be employed at the discretion of his executors. He also bequeathed £50 to each of the societies of the Temple for the purchase of books for their respective libraries. His brother and executor, Sylvester Petyt, principal of Barnard's inn, acting under the powers of the will,

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[1] In the "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xlv., p. 132, Petyt is incorrectly described as having been called, etc., by the Middle Temple. It appears, however, from his will, that he was at one time a member of that society.

transferred to the benchers of the Inner Temple the entire collection,
p. 417 together with a sum of £150 towards the completion of a new or additional library, which they then had in contemplation. A pay-
p. 393 ment, in November, 1705, of £20 5*s.* for the carving in the library during the treasurership of Thomas Walker, indicates the room then used as a second library. The fine carving over the fireplace (believed to be the work of Grinling Gibbons), bears the inscription,

T. Thoma Walker Arm: A.D. 1705,

which sufficiently identifies it as the subject of this payment. In
p. 411 1708-9 £50 paid to Cordwell the carpenter on account of his contract to build a new library, and a further payment of £100 on
p. 425 account, in 1709-10, show that Petyt's legacy was employed in the construction of a library other than that in existence in 1705. In this room, fitted throughout with bookcases and used as a library, Petyt's MSS., under lock and key, reposed for many generations. Our obligations to Petyt do not cease with the gift of his books and his MSS. and his contribution towards the construction of a new library. We have, at the present time, in addition to our law library, consisting of some 26,000 volumes, a library of general history and literature. This comprises about 35,000 volumes, duly catalogued. It includes histories of all countries, county histories, books on theology, architecture, painting, the fine arts, and every class of
p. 416 work essential to a complete general library. The acquisition and arrangement of Petyt's books and MSS. were followed by the appointment, in June, 1709, of a librarian or library keeper, at a yearly
p. 417 salary of £20. Mr. Samuel Carter, the first holder of this office, was required to find two sureties in the sum of £1,000, and to attend in the library, from Lady day to Michaelmas, from 9 a.m. to noon and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from Michaelmas to Lady day, from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. In 1713,
p. 438 Joshua Blew having succeeded Mr. Carter as keeper of the library, an order was made by the bench that "the treasurer for the time being do lay out £20 yearly out of the treasury in purchasing of books for the library." This accession of works of general interest in 1708, together with the means of harbouring them in a suitable place, thus formed the nucleus, if not the foundation, of the valuable library which our society now possesses.

A portrait of William Petyt has hung for many generations in our parliament chamber. It represents him in a garb, probably that of keeper of the tower records. One hand holds a parchment deed, the other has a half open book. In the upper corner is his coat of arms, together with his motto, *Qui s'estime Petyt deviendra grand.* There is no definite entry relating to the gift of this portrait to the society, but there is little doubt that it came with other things from the estate of Sylvester Petyt. This gentleman by his will bearing date the 23rd of May, 1719, refers to the portraits of his brother and himself "which are now in the house in Belle Savage Yard" and desires that they may be set up in the church library at Skipton, Yorks, of which he was a substantial benefactor if not the founder, and to the poor of whose parish William had also bequeathed a legacy. Sylvester's portrait was accepted by the parish of Skipton and put up in the library, where it still hangs. William's portrait is not there, and seems to have found its natural resting place in the library of the Inner Temple to which William was so great a benefactor. A portrait of Sylvester Petyt, by Richard van Bleeck, is in the National Portrait Gallery.[1]

In an inventory taken about the time of queen Anne's death, the "Grace Book" is mentioned. It was kept in the buttery by the chief butler, whose duty it was to lay it on the table before the treasurer at each meal. It is a small volume about nine inches by seven, is in MSS. throughout, and appears from the handwriting, in some parts, to be of the fifteenth century. The only graces which it now contains, of the "diverse gracie" mentioned in the contents, are three in number written in latin on a paper interleaved by Joshua Blew, who was chief butler and keeper of the library in 1713. The graces which, according to the table of contents, were originally in the book were probably transferred to a grace book of a later date when this was withdrawn from use. A great portion of the contents, in addition to the latin graces, has also been removed. There remain in the book an interesting "table of contents," which will be found in the Appendix, and a kalendar, with tables for finding the Sunday letter and the moveable feasts, beginning in 1436 (14

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[1] It was presented "by the *Principal and Antients of Barnard's Inn, June*, 1884," and not, as stated in the "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xlv., p. 132, by the Inner Temple. Sylvester Petyt died in 1719.

Hen. VI.), and ending in 1507 (23 Hen. VII). There are also coloured astronomical and astrological charts. At the foot of the kalendar for each month are rhyming latin verses giving seasonable advice as to food and medical treatment, and expressing moral sentiments. The earliest reference to this book is on the first page of our first book of accounts. It is dated 1605-6, and is "for mending the Grace Book, bosses and clasps, new glueing it and putting in new parchments, 4*sh.* 6*d.*" It was mended again in 1618, in 1623, in 1656, and in 1671. The present binding is of a commonplace and modern character, the bosses and clasps have disappeared, and the edges have been cut. On one of the blank pages Joshua Blew has made the following entry:

Vol. ii., p. 24

Ibid, pp. 110, 141, 322

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> Provyded that on Festival dayes whenne it shall happen the mayster of the Temple to be pre[sent] that then the Grace to be referred to his seying
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> And if the Grace boke be not sett on the borde that then the botelers to forfeit every oon of them a Peny to be paid incontinent to hym being present that shulde say Grace Whereof jd. shall be yeven to a poor man to Pray for the soule of the seyde John Nethersole
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> According to the ordinaunce thys present boke is made for a remembraunce the xxi yere of King Henry the vijth and the yere of our Lorde 1505 as above.

I have not been able to trace any direct personal connection between John Nethersole and the Inner Temple. He belonged to a family settled near Barham in Kent. In the list of counsel practising in the reign of Henry VII. are the three Kentish names of John Fineux, of Gray's Inn,[1] John Nethersole, of Lincoln's Inn, and John Roper, of the Inner Temple.[2] Among the principal benefactors of the city of Canterbury, through whose munificence S. Michael's Gate was rebuilt in 1475, is John Nethersole, whose name was inscribed on the stone.[3] In 1498 he was appointed, along with Sir John Fineux, a commissioner of oyer and terminer for Maidstone and Canterbury.[4] Towards Lincoln's Inn, of which he was admitted a member in 1481, he was very charitably disposed, and a gift of 40 marks to that society towards building a library, in consideration of

[1] Douthwaite's "History of Gray's Inn," p. 46.
[2] Foss's "Judges," vol. v., p. 20.
[3] Hasted's "History of Kent," vol. iv., p. 414.
[4] "Materials for a History of the reign of Henry VII.," Rolls Series, 1877, vol i., p. 455.

masses to be said by their chaplain for the repose of his soul, is duly recorded in their books.[1] His will, signed on the 12th September, 1504, was proved on the 11th February, 1504-5, by John Roper, one of his executors and residuary legatees.[2] By it he gives many legacies to churches and ecclesiastical foundations, chiefly in and about Canterbury, but nothing to either Lincoln's Inn or the Inner Temple. It is therefore reasonable to assume that the gifts to the two societies were made before September, 1504. He appoints as his executors and residuary legatees John Fyneux, chief justice of the lord king, to hold pleas "coram ipse rege," John Roper, William Nethersole his brother, Roger Lychefeld, and John Man, and, as overseers, the Abbot of S. Augustin's and the Prior of Christchurch, Canterbury. John Roper, who came from Linstede, in Kent, was of a family of lawyers, members of the Inner Temple. He married a daughter of Sir John Fineux, the lord chief justice,[3] of Swingfield, in Kent, and was for some time attorney-general to Henry VIII.[4] He died in 1524. His eldest son, William, married the eldest daughter of Sir Thomas More, and was the author of his biography.[5] A John Roper became, by assignment, owner of one moiety of the master's house in or about 1542, a property which the same or another John Roper sold in 1586. There were other Ropers, also members of the society. It is possible, therefore, that the benefaction above indicated may have accrued to this inn through the testator's neighbour and colleague at the bar, John Roper.

Vol. i., p. 467
Ibid., p. 457

The conclusion of this volume, which ends, for a time, the publication of our records, brings down the history of our inn to the accession of George I. Commencing in the reign of Henry VII., when the dynastic contentions of the wars of the roses were for ever set at rest, and concluding with the reign of Anne, when the then kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland were consolidated and formed into one, our records cover a period of over two hundred years. We have, in that cycle, the story of the Tudors and of the Stuarts, of the struggles of the great rebellion, of the

[1] "Black Books of Lincoln's Inn," London, 1899, vol. i., pp. 74, 135, 136, 138.

[2] P. C. C., Somerset House, *Holgrave*, 25.

[3] Foss's "Judges," vol. v., p. 165. His name also appears as the king's attorney in a subsidiary roll of 15 Henry VIII. (1523). See "Records," vol. i., p. 455.

[4] Foss's "Judges," p. 165. "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xx., p. 343.

[5] "Dictionary of National Biography," vol. xlix., p. 215.

attempted reforms and the failures of the puritan ascendency, of the wealth of our society in its earlier history, and of its poverty in later days. The picturesquely mediæval appearance of our inn, with its hanging signs, its bastelle, its refectory and lodgings for the priests, its chapels for the patron saints, had disappeared before the restoration. Fires, of unusual ferocity, had laid waste the antient buildings of our society which afterwards assumed the monotonous but utilitarian aspect of to-day. All the courts of our inn, King's Bench Walk, our eastern boundary, and the cloisters had been destroyed and rebuilt. The great garden had been re-laid, re-turfed, and planted in the fashion of Haarlem and Amsterdam, and other little formal gardens, no longer to be found, had sprung up within our walls. There remained only, of our old foundation, the church and the antient hall of the templars, the ruined chapel of S. Ann hidden by the adjacent buildings, and some groined arches which indicated the old time features of our home. The highway to the inn was still the river, the great thoroughfare of the metropolis, and the antient privileges and exemptions of the society were still jealously guarded. Pure water and public lighting had cleansed the inn and added to its health and its security, and the plague, which, for over one hundred and fifty years, was an annual though unwelcome guest, had, by the end of the seventeenth century, altogether disappeared. The governors, who in former days reigned over us, had long since ceased to form part of our system. The crown and the council had ceased to interfere with the inns of court, and the benchers, of their own motion had, by a series of orders, established the rules which even to-day guide our deliberations. Contemporaneously with the feeling of independence which followed the revolution of 1688, the costly compliments and the sumptuous entertainments to royal favourites and powerful ministers, which formed a part of our antient programme, had come to an end. In another respect also time had worked a change. Our inns of chancery had, by the eighteenth century, ceased to be exclusively seminaries of learning, and had become little more than lodgings for young students or for elderly aspirants to the honourable and lucrative dignity of a principal or a treasurer. Through the whole of these two hundred years, we find a steadfast adherence to the time-honoured system by which the active workers of the profession of the

law are divided into two branches distinct and well-defined. We see our students drawn from the same class of the community. We notice an ever-increasing affinity with the two universities, and the liberal arts still cultivated by our members. In the matter of legal education alone, we recognize, during this period, little or no advance. No perceptible difference existed between the training of the chief justices of Henry VI. and queen Anne. The curriculum of study described by Sir John Fortescue, in 1470, might equally well have served for an exposition by Sir John Holt, in 1710.

The church, round which our professional homes were clustered, had witnessed many changes. The old established religion with the prior and his priests, carrying the badge of knighthood and serving the order of S. John in the New Temple, had given place to the servants of the reformation. The revival of the mass, with its reactionary violence under Mary, had been succeeded by the restoration of the protestant faith under Elizabeth. The high church doctrines of Laud and his admirers had been followed by the outburst of puritanism. The attempted resuscitation of the old religion by James II. had induced many years of clerical and literary conflict in the pulpit and in the press, and our church had become, at times, the battlefield of contending ecclesiastics. But the consecrated temple itself, after its varied experience of altars, of tables, of vestments, of pulpits, of ornaments, and of whitewash, presented in the time of Anne a building not without attraction. Its former embellishments had gone, but it was still the *alma mater* of the two societies, and it was endowed with all the classical and architectural decoration which the greatest architect of the day could, without impropriety, add to the beauty of its original design.

The nineteenth century has swept away the handiwork of Wren, of Gibbons, and of other masters, and has reproduced, as far as may be, the mediæval tone of the antient church. Modern initiative has added to the antient system a broad and liberal scheme of legal instruction, and the good fellowship of the templars brings together, day by day, hundreds of barristers and students in our common hall. What the future may have in store for this purely English institution, described in our liturgy as "the two learned and honorable societies of this House," we may not know. It suffices that in the main principles of our society, in its collegiate

character, in the freedom and the equality of our members, in the study and maintenance of the law, and in the recognition of our part in the administration of justice, we have trodden in the footsteps of our fathers, have bettered their instruction and improved their ways. The homes of our great lawyers may, like the hours noted on the sundial, pass away and be no longer thought of, but their memories will be venerated by English people, so long as they are proud of their country's history and of the spirit of their country's laws.

F. A. INDERWICK.

WINCHELSEA,
31 *December*, 1900.

Silver-gilt "Nef" belonging to the Inner Temple.

A CALENDAR OF THE

INNER TEMPLE RECORDS.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

CHARLES II.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 12 Charles II., A.D. 1660, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, knight, solicitor general, JOHN HEATH, attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

SPECIAL admissions of Lumley Robinson, son of Robinson of the bench, and of Henry Croke, son of Sir Robert Croke, at the request of their fathers respectively.

John Farewell, Christopher Milton, Robert Shieres, Richard Etherington, Christopher Goodfellow, and Edward Peck called to the bench.

Dr. Bure and Thomas Fanshaw called associates to the bench.

PARLIAMENT on 27 January, 12 Charles II., A.D. 1660-1, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, knight, solicitor general, JOHN HEATH, attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—William Stile, Henry Wynn, and John Trafford.

Allowance of 4*li.* to the gentlemen who kept private commons this last Christmas as in former Christmases, allowance also of board wages to such of the officers as were not in commons this last Christmas, and of wages to watchmen during the Christmas vacation.

Special admission of William Peck, at the request of his father, Mr. Peck, of the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 May, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

Sir Heneage Finch chosen reader for the summer vacation; and Johnson, Roger Heath, and Goodwyn, his attendants.

Special admission of John Goodwin at the request of his grandfather, Mr. Goodwin of the bench; and of Charles, Duke of Richmond, at his own request.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 May, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

Special admission of Thomas Foster, at the request of his father, Mr. Foster of the bench, and of Thomas Littleton, grandchild and heir to Sir Edward Littleton, late lord keeper, at the request of his father, Sir Thomas Littleton.

Order that the chamber wherein Serjeant Halloway stood admitted be annexed to Mr. Yorke's chamber, as it was formerly held by Mr. Selden.

Robert Phillipps, Leonard Pote, Thomas Berringer, John Andrewes, John Stubbs, John Danvers, William Dennington, Nathaniel Bond, John Biggs, Robert Sawyer, Anthony Bowyer, Walter Moyle, Christopher Abdy, John Treavor, Andrew Broughton, Richard Harris, Robert Croke, and Francis Purley are called to the bar. And they "are all to be presently sworn in respect of the coronation and late call of serjeants (although some of them are not of full time, but to be no precedent for the future, but that every fellow of this House shall be seven years complete admitted before they shall be called to the bar, and perform such exercise as by the orders of the House they ought to do)."

PARLIAMENT held on 16 June, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others, RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

Stewards for reader's dinner:—Gravely Norton, Samuel Trotman, and Rowland Jewkes.

Phillips of the bench chosen an attendant on the reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 June, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, knight and baronet, JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

Special admission of Christopher Milton, son of Mr. Milton of the bench, at the request of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661, before SIR HENEAGE FINCH, JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. RICHARD GODDARD, treasurer.

Arthur Treavor chosen reader, and Johnson, Thurland, and Yorke his attendants.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—Marshals: Francis, Lord Newport, Sir Thomas Littleton, and Sir Thomas Trevor. Stewards:

"Viscount Lord Cockeyne," Sir William Walter, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston. Butlers: Sir Henry Cholmeley, Sir George Booth, and Sir Bainham Throckmorton.

Auditors:—Treavor, Yorke, Baldwin, and Lee, for the steward's accounts; and Thurland, Pecke, Halloway, and Shuter for the treasurer's accounts.

Order that in consideration of the great expense of re-building his chamber in Fig-tree Court, Shuter shall be allowed to nominate a fellow to the same at any time before his death.

Order that forasmuch as John Goodwynn refused to read at the next Lent vacation, he shall be disbenched and fined 100 marks.

"At this Parliament His Highness the Duke of York, the Duke of Buckingham, the Earl of Dorset, and Secretary Morris, who were formerly specially admitted of this House, are at this Parliament confirmed."

The Duke of York called to the bar and also to the bench.

Special admission of Richard Chandler, grandchild of Richard Goddard, treasurer, at the request of his grandfather.

Treasurer:—Sir Heneage Finch, knight and baronet, his Majesty's solicitor general.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

* Entries similar to those marked with an asterisk occur frequently in the accounts.

Account of Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 4 November, 1660, to 3 November, 1661.

Receipts.

From Francis Cheeke, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for the rent of that house for a year,* 4*li.*

From him for two tenements adjoining the said House,* 3*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

From Whightwick and Henley, for the rent of the King's Bench office, 5*li.*

From Sir Thomas Fanshaw for the rent of the Crown office,* 5*li.*

From Burrell for the rent of the Warrant office,* 2*li.*

From Lord Fanshaw for two years' rent of the Exchequer office, 40*li.*

From Sir William Drake for the rent of the Fine office,* 20*li.*

From Robinson for the rent of his office,* 2*li.*

From Tomlinson, milliner, for the rent of his shop[1] at the Temple Gate,* 2*li.*

From the porter of the gate for the rent of several shops which he holds,* 5*s.*

[1] The account for the year previous describes the shop as at the Inner Temple Gate.

From the under cook for the like,* 10*s.*
From the turnspits for the like,* 4*d.*
From the gardener for the rent of his house,* 2*li.*
From Frewen for the rent of his chamber,* 2*li.*
From Thomas Turner for the rent of his shop and chamber in the Churchyard,* 6*s.* 8*d.*
From Lincolne, the scrivener in Parson's Court, for the rent of his shop for a year and a half, 1*li.* 10*s.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the Bishop of Exeter for Michaelmas term, 1660, 12*li.* 10*s.*
To the master of the revels by the treasurer's order, 2*li.*
For the moiety for wire set on the King's arms in the church, 1*s.* 6*d.*
To Edmund Clarke for half a year's rent for the New River Water,* 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
To John Underwood for mending the engine, 1*li.*
To the master of the revels, 1*li.*
More to the same by the treasurer's order, 2*li.*
For a staff and wands for Candlemas day,* 1*s.*
To John Holland for the hire of plate and linen on Candlemas day,* 2*li.*
To four watchmen to keep the doors the same day, 6*s.*
To William Pich for pots, brooms, and torches, 5*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*
To the musicians for their yearly fee and attendance on 5th Nov., 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
For four brass candlesticks, 1*li.* 2*s.*
To Heath for reading prayers,* 7*li.* 10*s.*
To Miland, the smith, for the moiety of work done in the church and at the doctor's chambers, 10*s.*
For mending a silver bowl, 2*s.* 6*d.*
For the hire of carpets and cushions to hang on the scaffold at the Gate, when the King passed by, 15*s.*
To Henry Chilton, steward, for apparels due to him at Whitsuntide, 100*li.*
For a silver "barge" for the basket porter, 5*li.*
To Dr. Griffith by the treasurer's order, 20*li.*
To John Playford for a buttery book, 12*s.*
To Edmund Farey for the moiety of a bill for joiner's work done in the church, 19*s.* 6*d.*
For twenty-four loads of gravel at 3*d.* a load, 3*li.* 12*s.*
For staves and wands on All Hallow's day,* 2*s.*
To four watchmen for that day,* 6*s.*
To the master of the revels by order, 1*li.*
For hire of plate and linen on All Hallows day,* 2*li.*
To Henry Miland, the smith, for the moiety of work done in the church, 1*li.* 4*s.* 4*d.*
To the woodmonger for two loads of faggots for bonfires, 1*li.* 4*s.*
To Heath for reading prayers for half a year,* 7*li.* 10*s.*
For papers and counters for the use of the House, 3*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 406*li.* 4*s.* 2*d.*
Sum total of the disbursements, 330*li.* 13*s.* 0*d.*
So there remains in the accountant's hands, 75*li.* 2*s.* 2*d.* (*sic*).

MISCELLANEA.

1661, February 2. Office copy of Letters Patent for the appointment of RICHARD BALL, S.T.P., as master or warden of the house and church of the New Temple, London.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661, before JOHN HEATH, attorney of the Duchy, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

"Whereas grand readings in the Inns of Court were originally instituted for the improving of students and professors of the law, in the knowledge and learning of the statutes and laws of this kingdom, and never intended that the readers should, after all their pains and study in the performance of that exercise, be put unto such great and excessive cost and charges in unnecessary feasting and entertainments, as is not only very prejudicial to the readers in their estates and fortunes, but contrary to the very institution of readings, and have been a principal occasion of the long discontinuance of that exercise, the great and excessive cost and charges having much discouraged the undertaking and reviving of the same. For a full remedy whereof, and to the end that readings may for the future be reduced to their primitive institution, and that no person may be discouraged from the performance of that exercise by the unnecessary and expensive cost and charges thereof, be it therefore enacted by the authority of this Parliament, that for the time to come, no reader of this society shall come into the hall, any night during the time of his reading, in order to keep any supper, except it be for the first day when the reader is to take his place in the hall, neither shall any reader of this society invite or entertain in the hall any strangers upon any reading days, to the end that he may for the benefit of the students and other fellows of this society the better intend the performance of that exercise, without improvident excess.

"Whereas the liberty formerly granted to the gentlemen of this society in time of Christmas, intended only for a civil and moderate recreation, hath for many years past degenerated into licentiousness and disorder, to the great offence of Almighty God, the scandal and dishonour of this society, the corrupting and debauching of divers young gentlemen, members of the same, and unless timely prevented, may endanger the total subversion of the good government thereof, and although great care hath been taken and divers good acts from time to time made for the regulating of Christmas commons and

redress of such shameful disorders, yet they have always proved fruitless and unsuccessful, and have not produced that good effect expected from them, for the preventing therefore of so great mischief, inconveniences, and further growing evil of this nature in time to come, It is upon full debate and consideration thereof had, ordained, and enacted that for the time of Christmas now next ensuing, no commons shall be kept within this House, but the commons of this House shall dissolve and break up on the Saturday after dinner preceding St. Thomas' day next, and not begin again until the Saturday night next ensuing the feast of Epiphany, and in the mean time the keys and possession of the hall, buttery, kitchen, and other rooms and places of like public office for this House, shall be left, remain, and abide in the custody and disposition of the treasurer of this society, to the end this present act may more effectually be observed and executed in all respects.

"Whereas in order to preserve the government of this House against all disorders and tumults, the power of inflicting the punishments of suspension from commons, putting out of commons, forfeiture of chambers, amercements, and expulsion have been by the ancient orders of this House imposed upon the several fellows of this society according to the respective faults and crimes committed against the orders of this House; and whereas of late times divers fellows of this society have upon occasion of imposing any the said punishments, endeavoured to raise a mutiny by giving countenance to the person or persons so deservedly punished, and in order thereunto, have not only put themselves out of commons but persuaded other fellows of this society to do the same, thereby giving countenance and abetting the persons so offending. For remedy whereof, be it enacted by this present parliament and by the authority of the same, that in case any member of this society shall, for any offence by him committed against the orders of this society, be either suspended, put out of commons, expelled, or otherwise punished, that then, if any fellow or member of this society shall in countenance of such offender, so put out of commons, either put himself out of commons or persuade any others to put themselves out of commons, or otherwise abet the said person so offending or punished, as aforesaid, that then all and every person, so offending, shall forfeit his and their chamber and be absolutely disabled from being called to the bar or bench and to be

subject to such other punishment as the bench for the time being shall think fit to impose."

Special admissions of Henry and Thomas Pagett; of Robert Johnson, at the request of his uncle, Edward Johnson of the bench; and of Samuel Hopkins, son of Sir Richard Hopkins of the bench, at the request of his father.

The petitions of Henry Chilton, steward, and of James Ellis are referred to the table.

It is ordered that Dr. Ball, master of the Temple, shall be allowed from this society 25*li.* per quarter in full satisfaction for all dues and demands whatsoever from this society. And for the better raising of such monies, as already are or hereafter shall be payable from this House to Dr. Ball for his preaching in the Temple church, it is ordered that every fellow, who has a chamber, shall pay every term as follows: every bencher, 2*s.* 6*d.*; every utter barrister, 2*s.*; every other fellow, 1*s.* 8*d.*; and every fellow being in commons without a chamber, every utter barrister, 1*s.* 6*d.*, and every other fellow under the bar, 12*d.*

"It is likewise ordered that Dr. Griffith, lecturer of the Temple, shall be allowed from this society 12*li.* 10*s.* per quarter," and for the raising of which, every bencher shall pay 2*s.* per term; every utter barrister who has a chamber or shall be in commons, 1*s.* 6*d.*; and every other fellow who has a chamber or shall be in commons, 1*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 13 Charles II., A.D. 1661-2, before JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for reader's dinner:—Ravenscroft, John Lane, and Phillip Smith.

PARLIAMENT held 9 February, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1661-2, before JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of George Shieres, son of Mr. Shieres of the bench, at the request of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 April, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662, before EDWARD JOHNSON, FRANCIS PHILLIPPS, EDWARD THURLAND, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

The election of the reader and his attendants is referred to the next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 May, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662, before RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, FRANCIS PHILLIPPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

His Majesty having sent a letter directed to the treasurer and benchers of this society, desiring that John Heath, attorney of the Duchy, one of the benchers of this House, might be excused from his reading, in respect whereof and in consideration of the services he has done and great sufferings he has undergone for his Majesty, it is ordered that he shall be totally excused and discharged from ever reading, receiving nevertheless all advantages as if he had already read.

Edward Thurland chosen reader and Goddard, Yorke, and Holbech, his attendants.

Upon the petition of John Baker for an allowance in respect of 22*li.* 10*s.* expended in re-building the greatest part of his chamber, blown down by the violence of the wind, it is ordered that he be allowed 20 marks.

Francis Hoblyn, Henry Deering, John Alchorne, Edward Lloyd, John Wadman, William Coo, William Farrer, William Alston, Thomas Argall, James Founteyne, Thomas Flatman, Laurence Blomley, Alexander Fitton, Alexander Stanhope, George Walker, and Edward Edkins called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 June, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662, before JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards of the reader's dinner:—John Edisbury, Richard Greenvile, and William Lane.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Entries of admittances to chambers only.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 November, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

William Yorke chosen reader, and Holbitch, Boll, and Johnson, his attendants.

Auditors :—Goddard, Phillips, Dalby, and Henn for the steward's accounts; and Thurland, Yorke, Croke, and Buggins for the treasurer's accounts.

Officers for the grand Christmas :—Marshals : Francis, Lord Newport, Sir Thomas Littleton, Sir Thomas Trevor. Stewards : Francis Coventry, Sir William Walter, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston. Butlers : Sir George Booth, and Sir Bainham Throckmorton.

The admission of Rupert, Prince Palatine, Thomas, Earl of Cleveland, Joselin, Lord Peircy, John, Lord Berkeley, Henry and Bernard Howard of Norfolk (who were admitted at the last reading) are confirmed.

Special admission of Philip Frowd, at the desire of Thurland, late reader.

Cave and Farewell of the bench, Carew and Harris of the bar, and Wroth and Coddington under the bar, or any three of them, are desired to examine the accounts and compare them with former years, taking into consideration the late exactions, and to propose a remedy.

Treasurer :—Sir Heneage Finch, continued.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

* Entries similar to those marked with an asterisk occur frequently in the accounts.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 3 November, 1661, to 4 November, 1662.

Receipts.

Admissions to the House, 158*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
Admittances to chambers, 297*li.* 10*s.*
Calls to the bar, 60*li.*

Disbursements.

To Anthony Elton,* for nursing a child for 14 weeks, at 4*s.* a week, and 20*s.* for clothes, 2*li.* 8*s.*
To Seth Elliott,* the gardener, for a quarter's wages, 4*li.* 15*s.*
To his wife,* for washing the house linen, 2*li.* 11*s.* 8*d.*
To Anthony Elton,* for nursing a child 10 weeks, 1*li.*
To a gentleman that brought my Lord Cook's books from the Lady Sadler's, 5*li.*
To the carman, 5*s.*
To the porters, 7*s.* 6*d.*
Given to a man that brought two pictures from my Lady Sadler's, 6*s.*
To the Duke of York's company for a play on 1st Nov., 20*li.*
To John Playford, for his wages as clerk of the church and for necessaries laid out upon the church for a year, 3*li.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

Sum total of the receipts, 710*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.*
Sum total of the disbursements, 494*li.* 14*s.* 8*d.*
Remainder, 216*li.* 2*s.*

Account of Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 3 November, 1661, to 4 November, 1662.

Receipts.

From Henley for the rent of the King's Bench office, 5*li.*

Disbursements.

To Dr. Ball, on 6 December, 1661, by the treasurer's order, for his allowance for the year past, 100*li.*
To Dr. Griffith, by the treasurer's order, 30*li.*
To Wright, the musician, for his yearly fee and 5 Nov., 4*li.*
To Dr. Ball, on 22 April, 1662, for his allowance for a quarter ended at Lady day,[1] 25*li.*
To Dr. Griffith for a quarter's stipend,[1] 12*li.* 10*s.*
To Hall, for painting and setting up the Duke of York's arms in the hall window, 3*li.*
To the woodmonger for 400 of faggots for bonfires, 2*li.* 8*s.*
To Thomas Cartwright, the mason, for the moiety of work done at the Temple Bridge, 6*s.* 6*d.*
To the Exchequer for the fee farm rent of the House for two years and a half at Michaelmas, 1662, 25*li.*
To Heath for reading prayers for half a year, 7*li.* 10*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 418*li.* 19*s.* 5*d.*
Sum total of the disbursements, 377*li.* 2*s.* 10*d.*
So there remains in the accountant's hands, 41*li.* 7*s.* 7*d.* (*sic.*)

Allowance to the accountant for his pains in overseeing the gravelling of the walks and paving the churchyard.

[1] A like sum allowed him quarterly.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 November, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that those owing for vacation or amercements since Hilary term, 1660, shall make payment thereof upon pain of having their chambers seized and sold; and those owing for vacations before Hilary term, 1660, shall have liberty to compound with the treasurer.

Special admissions of Heneage Finch, second son of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, at the request of his father; of William Finch, third son of Sir Heneage Finch, at the request of his father; and of Edward Pecke, second son of Pecke of the bench, at the request of his father.

George Johnson, George Cure, Nicholas Dennis, Samuel Baldwin, Thomas Farrer, and Richard Croke called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 January, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662-3, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Allowances of board wages to the officers, wages to watchmen, and to the gentlemen keeping private commons at Christmas.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Francis Cooper, Edmund Wyld, and Sir Jeremy Whichcott.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 February, 14 Charles II., A.D. 1662-3, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that the steward shall give security before the end of the term for the paying and discharging of debts due to the baker, brewer, and such others as serve the House with provisions, and in default the steward to be discharged from his office.

Order that any bencher under the degree of a reader, who shall be chosen reader's attendant and fail therein, shall be fined 20 marks.

Order that George Johnson and George Cure be fined 40*li.* each for refusing to come to the bench after being called, and that they be for ever disabled from being called to the bench.

It is ordered that any bencher of this House who shall refuse, and declare before the reading next preceding his choice that he will not read, shall be disbenched and fined 100*li.*, but if he shall not so declare it, he shall be disbenched and fined 150*li.* for disappointing the House.

William Lister and Richard Powell called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1663, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON and others. SIR HEANAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Allowance to officers and watchmen.

Matthew Holbech, who was to have read at the summer vacation, but declared his refusal before the last Lent reading, is disbenched and fined 100*li.*, and his chamber to be seized.

Bold chosen reader for the summer vacation, and Cave and Tubervile, his attendants. The election of the third bencher as ancient is respited till next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 May, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1663, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Richard Goddard chosen attendant on the reader.

Special admissions of Francis Foster, son of Foster of the bench, at the request of his father; and of William Yorke, nephew of Yorke of the bench, at the request of his uncle.

Whereas Arthur Bold, a bencher, was chosen reader for the summer vacation, and has expressed himself unwilling to hold that office, it is ordered that in case he shall fail to read this summer, he shall, after the first Sunday in August next, incur the fine of 200*li.* and be disbenched and his chamber seized, and that the like penalty be inflicted upon all future benchers who shall fail to perform the exercise of reading in their turns, being chosen.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 June, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1633, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the readers dinner:—Thomas Bulstrod, George Farewell, and Francis Williamson.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 July, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1663, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

The petition of Mary Lashley, Samuel Speed, James Farr, Richard Gwynn, Widow Cock, Thomas Birdwhistle, William Pinckney, Edward Husband, and Christopher Perrin to the treasurer and masters of the bench setting out that the petitioners "utterly disclaiming all pretences of right or interest unto any watercourses from their respective habitations into the common sewer, and from thence into the River of Thames, through any of the lanes of this honourable society, yet your petitioners for want of such watercourse (especially upon any sudden rain) being much annoyed to the great prejudice of their respective houses, do humbly present this their distressed condition to your wonted elemency and prudence for relief, and in all humility beseech your honours graciously to permit your petitioners (without the least infringing the immunities or rights of your honourable House) to convey their watercourse through the Inner Temple Lane. They freely engaging (with all gratitude) that for the future they will be very cautious of occasioning any manner of annoyance or offence thereby to your honourable society."

It is ordered that the petitioners be permitted to make a passage for their water, according to the directions of the officers of the House, and the said watercourse to continue during pleasure.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1663, before JOHN HEATH, RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that John Cave, a bencher, who should have read this

next Lent vacation and refused, shall be disbenched, his chamber seized, and that he be fined 200*li.*

John Turbervile chosen reader for the next Lent vacation, and Phillips, Foster, and Sir Richard Hopkins, his attendants.

Auditors:—Trevor, Peck, Shuter, and West for the steward's accounts; and Thurland, Shieres, Carew, and Palgrave, senior, for the treasurer's accounts.

Officers for the grand Christmas:—Marshals: Francis, Lord Newport, Sir Thomas Littleton, and Sir Thomas Trevor. Stewards: Francis Coventry, Sir William Walter, and Sir Thomas Barnardiston. Butlers: Sir George Booth and Sir Bainham Throckmorton.

"Whereas by the ancient order of this society, every member thereof being once called to the degree of serjeant at law, hath usually quitted the possession of such chamber or lodging as he held therein before such his call, presently or at least within a term or two after, but now upon the last call of serjeants, whereby divers are removed hence who had never performed the office and exercise of readers, there hath been a necessity of calling many to the bench table to supply the exercise and government of the House, who suffer great inconvenience and discouragement for want of bench chambers, some whereof are still full of those serjeants, called above three years since, by which the exercise and government of the House hath much failed, and so is like to do for the future. It is therefore ordered and enacted, etc., that the head butler of this House do forthwith give notice to all serjeants at law, formerly of this Society, who do still keep the possession of any chambers or lodgings therein, which they formerly held as bench chambers, that they quit possession of the same before the end of this present term. And that if they shall neglect so to do by the space of fourteen days after the end of this term, that then the head butler of this House shall take possession of the same for the use of this society, or such masters of the bench who are by act of parliament of this House admitted thereto respectively, by setting new locks upon the doors of the same."

Treasurer:—Sir Heneage Finch continued.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 4 November, 1662, to 5 November, 1663.

Admissions to the House, 226*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
Admittances to chambers, 931*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Disbursements.

To Anthony Elton, for nursing a child for three weeks and 20*s.* for clothes, 2*li.* 10*s.*
For a lantern for the treasurer's staircase, 8*s.*
To Chilton, for wine for the House and for the supper of the auditors of the treasurer's account, 19*li.* 4*s.* 3*d.*
For a play called "The Brothers," which was acted by the King's players, 20*li.*
To Richard Wooseley, the baker, for bread to 23 Jan. last, 130*li.*
To Yorke, at his reading, the sum of 20*li.*, which he paid to the treasurer when he was called to the bench, 20*li.*
To Frances Elton, widow, for nursing a child, 1*li.* 6*s.*
To the porter, for candles burnt at the gate for a year, 2*li.* 8*s.*
To Margaret Fox, for nursing a child, 1*li.* 4*s.*
For coach hire to Lombard Street to receive 100*li.* given to the House by Mr. Audeley, 2*s.*
To Barbara Renton, for nursing a child, 1*li.* 6*s.*
To Henry Hall, the potter, for 84 cast of pots and for bringing and laying of them in, 6*li.* 19*s.* 8*d.*
To Clark, an attorney, for suing John Goodwin's bond and George Johnson's bond to the outlawry, 3*li.*
To John Young, for mason's work for the repair of the bridge at the Water Gate and other work, 24*li.* 17*s.* 7*d.*

Sum total of the receipts, 1370*li.* 5*s.* 4*d.*
Sum total of the disbursements, 512*li.* 10*s.* 6*d.*
In the hands of the treasurer, 857*li.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

Account of Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 4 November, 1662, to 5 November, 1663.

Receipts.

From Turner, for the rent of the barber's shop and chambers in the churchyard, 6*s.* 8*d.*

Disbursements.

To the master of the revels, by order of the masters of the bench, 2*li.*
Quarterly allowances to Dr. Ball and Dr. Griffiths as before.
To the master of the revels on Candlemas eve and Candlemas day, by order of the masters of the bench, 4*li.*
To Drake, the upholsterer, for a serge curtain and for hire of a screen on All Hallows day, 1*li.*
To Browne, for a sundial, 3*li.*
To Playford, clerk of the church, for the payment of several ministers for reading prayers in the Temple Church, a quarter ending at Michaelmas, 3*li.* 15*s.*
To the Exchequer, for the fee farm rent for a year, 10*li.*
To the master of the revels on 5 Nov., by order of the bench, 2*li.*
For 200 faggots for bonfires, 1*li.* 4*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 417*li.* 19*s.* 1*d.*
Sum total of disbursements, 340*li.* 16*s.* 9*d.*
Remaining in the accountant's hands, 77*li.* 2*s.* 4*d.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

Acts of Parliament of the gentlemen of the Inner Temple, held on the Vigil of St. Thomas the Apostle, 1662.

Tyrrell, speaker of the Parliament for this Christmas.

Orders that Wicherly be controller for the present Christmas; that Pargiter, Parker, and Tirer be stewards for the first week in Christmas; and that Steward, Traps, and Hoskins be the committee of music for this Christmas.

Every person who shall come into commons this Christmas shall subscribe and pay 20*s.* to the stewards; and that no person, now in town, shall be admitted into commons this Christmas but those who shall pay in the said 20*s.* to the stewards betwixt this and Wednesday at noon.

Mr. Lane to bring the order of the last Christmas Parliament into the next parliament.

Christmas Parliament held on 22 December.

Order that the stewards give in bond to the speaker to-day according to custom.

Whereas it appears upon the report of Sawyer and Cock that Hare was re-admitted after his expulsion, that therefore the former order for his suspension be taken off the file.

Order that Pollexfen give an account forthwith of all such moneys as he hath at any time received by the order of the committee of thirteen, appointed by the last Christmas Parliament. And further that the account which Pollexfen has now brought into this parliament of the moneys received by him, according to the order of the said committee, shall be a sufficient account and allowed. And the said Pollexfen to bring in the 31*li.* 12*s.* 4*d.* with which he now stands charged, into parliament this morning.

The accounts which Lister has brought in of the moneys received by him, by order of the said committee, be a sufficient account and allowed, and that he have the thanks of this House for his care and fidelity.

Ledgingham to have 60*li.* in satisfaction for his chamber, seized by the bench in pursuance of an order made 15 November, 1662, by

the committee of thirteen; and the 48*li.* 5*s.* 10*d.* already paid to him by order of the committee shall be part of the said sum; and upon payment of the balance by the speaker, Ledgingham shall assign all his interest in the said chamber. Ledgingham to be particularly invited to keep his Christmas with this society, and the committee of music to wait upon him for that purpose.

The speaker to pay the residue of the 31*li.* 12*s.* 4*d.*, remaining in his hands after Ledgingham is satisfied, to the stewards for the use of the House.

No person who has not paid his 20*s.* and is owing for repasts shall take any more until he pay what is behind or his 20*s.*

Every person shall pay for his repasts before he rise from the table.

The gentlemen to pay 2*s.* for each repast, and for every stranger he brings in, 1*s.*

Auditors to be appointed to take an account of the 50*li.* paid to Pargiter and Hopkins by order of the committee of thirteen, for the use of the House, and John Harris, Boone, and Lane be the auditors for that purpose.

Christmas Parliament held on 27 December.

Order that the marshal upon the penalty of a noble, to be deducted from his wages for every default, to take care that there be but one table for hazard and that in the upper library, and that the table for hazard pay every box 1*s.*

The stewards, out of the money they are to receive from the speaker, are to pay all debts contracted during the last Christmas, not exceeding altogether the sums of 5*li.*

The steward to take care hereafter that dinner be served up at twelve o'clock, and supper before seven, and the present stewards to be continued for the following week, and that they have the thanks of the House for their care and pains.

Boone, John Harris, and Law to be the auditors, to audit this week's accounts, and to bring in their report next parliament.

Christmas Parliament held on 30 December.

Order that the 9*li.* in Hopkins' hands of the moneys delivered him by order of the committee of thirteen, be paid to the speaker.

That the benchers (including the six benchers of last call) be invited to dine with Mr. Controller this Christmas. That Sunday be the day for the benchers to dine with Mr. Controller, and that the committee of music be desired to invite the benchers accordingly.

Christmas Parliament held on 2 January, 1662-3.

Order that the serjeants of this society be likewise invited to dine with Mr. Controller on Sunday next; and that the committee of music be desired to invite the serjeants accordingly.

Christmas Parliament held on 3 January.

Order that the present stewards be continued for the residue of this Christmas; and that Pescod, John Harris, and Boone be auditors for the last week's expenses, and bring in their report to the next parliament.

That a committee be appointed to wait on Yong, late lord of the Inner Temple, and desire him in the name of this House to attend this society betwixt this and Twelfth Day; and that Cook, Litleton, Gilthrop, and Mudeford be a committee to wait upon his late honour accordingly.

Christmas Parliament held on 4 January.

Ordered that whereas Pargiter, Parker, and Tirer "have now resigned their stewardships, that their resignation is excepted, and that they be longer stewards;" and that they be again stewards for the rest of this Christmas.

Christmas Parliament held on 5 January.

Order that whereas it appears that Hare has affronted Powell, the said Hare be suspended commons till he acknowledges the said affront.

Christmas Parliament held on 6 January.

Ordered that Cooke be speaker *pro tempore* during the speaker's absence.

That whosoever shall now be chosen lord of the Inner Temple, shall not refuse the office; and that Martin be lord of the Inner Temple this Christmas.

Christmas Parliament held on 9 January.

Order that the former auditors be continued.

That a committee be appointed to collect all the rents due to the lord of the Inner Temple from chambers or offices in the House, and to pay them to his lordship's treasurer; and that Gilthrop, Mudeford, and Coddington be such committee.

Christmas Parliament held on 10 January.

Order that a committee be appointed to wait on the masters of the bench, and desire them, in the name of the gentlemen this Christmas, that Ledgingham be restored to the society; and that Buggin, Powell, Hampson, Richardson, Wicherley, and Terrell be that committee.

That Christmas commons end this night.

That eight persons be appointed commissioners to audit the accounts.

That Pargeter, Parker, Tirer, Richard Harris, Cook, John Harris, and Gilthrop, or any five of them, be such commissioners, and that Coddington be added to them.

That the former orders be executed before the first day of next term.

That the watchmen have their coats given to them.

MISCELLANEA.

1663, 1 August. Agreement between Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer of the Inner Temple, of the first part, Sir Edward Turnor, treasurer of the Middle Temple, of the second part, and John Younge and Nicholas Younge, his son, citizens and freemasons of London, of the third part, as to the repair of the Temple Bridge.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament held on 22 November, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1663, before John Heath, Richard Goddard, Edward Johnson, and others. Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer.

Robert Audley, John Carnesew, John Melton, John Harris, Charles Tooke, John Croke, John Smith, Walter Hooper, George Palmer, George Noades, Thomas Tirer, Samuel Gorges, William Westbrooke, William Greene, Philip Pargiter, James Mickleton, John Nicholson, John Hodges, Thomas Jenner, John Wine, Thomas Champion, Nicholas Townley, Walter Littleton, Richard Young, James Coddington, and John Richardson, are called to the bar. And the said John Richardson is not to be sworn till he is of full seven years' standing.

Robert Pescodd, prothonotary of the Chancery, called an assistant to the bar.

Order that the chief butler for the future shall not present any gentleman's name in his paper to be called to the bar before he be of full time and done some exercise.

Parliament held on 24 January, 15 Charles II., A.D. 1663-4, before John Heath, Francis Phillips, Arthur Trevor, and others. Heneage Finch, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—George Farewell, Kenwricke Eyton, and Francis Williamson.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1663-4, before ARTHUR TREAVOR, EDWARD THURLAND, WILLIAM YORKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of William Baldwin, son of Baldwin of the bench, at the request of his father; and of William Howard, son of Sir William Howard, at the request of his father.

"Whereas by the ancient orders of this House such gentlemen of this society as intended to be called to the bar, were to perform at the Inns of Chancery twelve grand moots over and besides petty moots and other exercises. And whereas that learned exercise, by reason of the long discontinuance of readings, hath been forborne, and since the reviving of readings not so diligently performed as formerly, by reason that the vacation utter barristers, who are amerciable by the ancient orders of this House upon any failure of the said grand moots, have conceived that they were not equally obliged with other students under the bar to perform the same. It is therefore ordered that the said vacation utter barristers shall as formerly be diligent in performing the said grand moots under such penalties as were formerly inflicted upon them. And it is also further ordered that this House will expect that students under the bar of this society, that shall hereafter be called unto the bar, shall perform eight grand moots and such other exercise as they ought to perform, before they be called to the bar. And the third butler to take notice of all such as shall perform the said exercise, and of the failers, if any shall be, and at the beginning of the term to certify the bench then in commons thereof accordingly."

The petition of Magdalen Curtis, widow of William Curtis, formerly for above thirty years steward of the society, to the treasurer and masters of the bench, setting out that her great sufferings in the late times which with many losses attending her impoverished condition, enforces her to ask for relief.

Order that the said petitioner shall have 10*li.* towards her relief.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 May, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664, before RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, FRANCIS PHILLIPS, and others. HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Thomas Foster chosen reader for the summer vacation, and Sir Richard Hopkins, Milton, and Treavor, his attendants.

Special admission of Robert Johnson, at the request of his grandfather, Edward Johnson of the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 May, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664, before EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, EDWARD THURLAND, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

"Whereas a building is now erecting on the north side of the garden adjoining to the Temple Church, in the soil whereof the Middle Temple have an equal interest with this society, it is therefore declared at this present parliament that Dr. Ball, the present master of the Temple, shall have the leave of this society to hold and enjoy the same during his being master, and that after the death or removal of Dr. Ball the same shall for ever continue in the joint and equal disposition of both the societies."

Special admission of John French, grandchild to the late Lord Chief Justice Foster, at the request of his father, Mr. French, of this House.

The petition of Sir Robert Henley, knight, prothonotary of the Court of King's Bench, that he and his father have held the buildings or rooms wherein the King's Bench Office is now kept, under the society, for above thirty years, at the rent of 5*li.*, and in consideration of the sum of 400*li.* contributed by George, Duke of Buckingham, the petitioner's predecessor, towards erecting the same. Of late the rent has been raised to 20*li.*; the petitioner therefore prays that the society will permit him to enjoy the said rooms for his life at the said rent of 20*li. per annum*. Whereupon an order was granted in accordance with the above petition.

The petition of Eleanor Saunders, widow of John Saunders, late under cook, that her husband, having been for many months sick of a lingering consumptive distemper, was compelled through poverty

to contract some debts, the petitioner prays that some relief may be granted to her. Order that the petitioner be granted 5*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 12 June, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664, before SIR JOHN HEATH, knight, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—John Shelton, Henry Elwes, and Richard Berringer.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 June, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664, before RICHARD GODDARD, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that the chamber of Richard Collins, two pair of stairs high in Tanfield Court, shall be seized.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664, before SIR JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREAVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Sir Richard Hopkins, knight, chosen reader, and Thurland, Milton, and Sheires, his attendants.

Auditors :—Sir John Heath, Yorke, Hamson, and Henn for the steward's accounts ; and Phillips, Foster, Cooper, and Dalby for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of Henry Huddleston, of Sawston, in the county of Cambridge, at the request of Foster, late reader.

Treasurer :—Sir Heneage Finch, solicitor general, is continued.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 5 November, 1663, to 3 November, 1664.

Admissions to the House, 183*li.*
Admittance to chambers, 471*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*
Caution money on calls to the bar, 96*li.*

Disbursements.

To Barbara Benton, for nursing a child 12 weeks and 20*s.* for clothes, 2*li.* 4*s.*
To his Majesty's players, for a play on Candlemas day called "The Silent Woman," 20*li.*
To Dr. Ball, towards building a house in his garden, 100*li.*
To Elliott, the gardener, for laying of the walk where the Black Building stood, and for gravel, 16*li.* 18*s.* 10*d.*
To Serjeant Hoskins' man upon delivering up of the keys, 10*s.*
To the potter, for pots in Lent vacation, for the reading, 7*li.* 11*s.* 6*d.*
To the same in Easter term, 7*li.* 19*s.*
To his Majesty's players, for acting a play on All Saints day last in the Temple called "The Little Thief," 20*li.*
Sum total of the receipts, 1,609*li.* 8*s.* 2*d.*
Sum total of the disbursements, 957*li.* 12*s.* 11*d.*
In the hands of the treasurer, 651*li.* 15*s.* 3*d.*

Account of Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 5 November, 1663, to 3 November, 1664.

Receipts.

From Francis Cheeke, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for the rent of that House, 4*li.*

Disbursements.

To Power, the draper, for seven yards and a half of green cloth for a carpet for the bench table, 4*li.* 2*s.*
To Weston, for a leather carpet, 2*li.* 2*s.*
To Dr. Ball, for his allowance at 25*li.* a quarter.
To Dr. Griffiths, for the like at 12*li.* 10*s.* a quarter.
To Sleighton, for reading prayers, at 3*li.* 15*s.* a quarter.
To Richard Atkinson on 28 April, 1664, for chimney money for two years, 1*li.* 4*s.*
To William Mills, the porter, for the hire of men to guard the thieves taken in Cooke's chamber, 5*s.* 6*d.*
To Richard Roberts, for his charges in prosecuting the thieves, 18*s.*
To Parnell, for reading prayers for the Michaelmas quarter, 3*li.* 15*s.*
To the Exchequer, for the fee farm rent, 10*li.*
For 300 of faggots for bonfires, 1*li.* 16*s.*
Sum total of the receipts, 488*li.* 4*s.* 2*d.*
Sum total of the disbursements, 377*li.* 16*s.*
So there remains in the accountant's hands, 108*li.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT of the gentlemen of the Inner Temple held on the Vigil of St. Thomas, 1663.

Officers :—Litleton, speaker ; Barnes, controller ; Danvers, Lane, and Fitzwilliam, stewards ; Traps, Cutler, and Treavor, the committee of music.

Ordered that every one now absent, who does not pay before Wednesday, may not come into commons without special motion.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 21 December.

Allowance of Terrell's accounts concerning Ledgingham's chamber, and the money in Terrell's hands to be paid to the stewards, and the stewards' bonds be sealed.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 23 December.

Order that Henry Bagshaw, nominated by the Middle Temple, do preach on Christmas Day ; and that Denton preach on Sunday next.

Order that Whithall and South be ambassadors to the Middle Temple ; and that Littleton and Terrill be appointed to acquaint Denton of the House's choice for next Sunday.

Orders that napkins be provided by the stewards throughout the whole hall, and that they be changed every day ; that Mr. Solicitor General have the thanks of the House returned him for the doe he sent to the controller and the House ; that it be left to the stewards' discretion to provide what they think fit for every mess ; and that the fashion of the watchmen's coats and the time when they shall be provided, be referred to the discretion of the stewards, the value of the coats not exceeding 20*s.* a piece.

Christmas Parliament held on 24 December.

Orders that the controller have no power to give order for any commons; that the marshal and butlers have *2s. 6d.* reward for detecting every box keeper who shall in any way defraud the House in his box keeping; and that there be a committee of three to have power to search any box keeper, whom they suspect to defraud the House, and that Whithall, Ramsden, and Trender be of that committee.

Christmas Parliament held on 25 December.

Order that Phillip Litleton and Pettit be auditors of the accounts of the steward for this week, and that the auditors have "exceedings" in their commons only for that day on which they bring in their accounts.

Christmas Parliament held on 26 December.

Orders that no person speak above once to the same question after it is fully stated and agreed upon; that Pollexfen, Terrill, the elder, and Richardson be the auditors for the stewards' accounts; that the House admit no trumpeters or drummers except his Majesty's into the hall; and that no gentlemen's servants have any commons allowed by the stewards, except the controller's two men.

Christmas Parliament held on 28 December.

Order that the auditors' allowances of the stewards' accounts for the last week be allowed by the House, and that the stewards bring in their accounts as they did in the year 1660.

Christmas Parliament held on 1 January, 1663-4.

Orders that the auditors for last week be newly elected for this week; that the bench and serjeants of this society be invited to dinner this Christmas; and that the parliament chamber be appointed

for the retiring rooms of the benchers and serjeants, and that the box keeper and butlers attend upon them.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 5 January.

Orders that the accounts brought in by the auditors and reported in parliament, pass; that no officer's mess be above six; and that the officers, except the controller, have for their "exceedings" half as much as the commons of the rest.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 6 January.

Order that Needham be Lord of the Temple.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 8 January.

Order that Phillips, Sawyer (notwithstanding his not being in commons), and Pettit be auditors for this week.

That Christmas be continued a week longer.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 11 January.

Order that the accounts brought in by the auditors be allowed; that the stewards by their turns take special care of all the necessaries of the kitchen; and that Robinson, the second cook, have 4*li.* given him by the House.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 15 January.

Order that Phillips, Pettit, and Treavor of the bar, be auditors for the week.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 16 January.

Orders that the accounts by the auditors brought in be allowed; that the controller, the speaker, the stewards and the committee of music have the thanks of the House; that the late stewards be a committee to receive the box money this present night; that the late auditors receive the accounts of the committee of all the moneys that

any way accrue to the House; that the stewards, having discharged themselves to the auditors, have their bonds delivered up; and that the said committee dispose of the surplusage of the money that shall accrue to the House, according to their discretion, for the honour of the House.

Order that this Christmas commons end to-night; that Allen receive all the remaining utensils of the House into his custody, till next Christmas; and that the watchmen have their coats given them by the House.

Account for Christmas, 1663-4. The following are given as examples of the daily accounts for dinner and supper :—

Sunday, 27 December. For dinner:—15 tongues and 15 udders, 3*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; 14 capons, 2*li.* 2*s.*; 4 pheasants and 8 teals, 1*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; 3 tarts, 3*s.* For supper: — 14 shoulders of mutton, 2*li.* 9*s.*; 19 tarts, 19*s.*; 8 cocks and 8 partridges, 1*li.* 12*s.*; 5 snipe and 12 larks, 8*s.* 8*d.*; a leg of veal and 22 lb. of beef, 12*s.*; a dish of tarts, 5*s.*; 2 breasts and a loin of veal, 9*s.*; in all manner of particulars for dressing and garnishing, as by the cook's bill appears, 3*li.* 1*s.* In all, 17*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

Monday, 28 December. For dinner:—42 chicken, 2*li.* 2*s.*; 14 geese at 4*s.*, 2*li.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; 6½ lbs. of bacon, 5*s.* 3*d.*; 42 marrow bones, 1*li.* 8*s.*; 8 quarts of oysters, 16*s.*; 16 green plovers, 1*li.* 4*s.*; a tart, 5*s.*; 10 cocks, and 8 widgeons, 1*li.* 8*s.*; 2 partridges, and 24 larks, 8*s.*; 2 dried tongues, 6*s.*; anchovies and other things by bill, 15*s.* 5*d.* For supper:—14 necks and breast of veal, 2*li.* 16*s.*; 14 capons, 2*li.* 2*s.*; 4 ducks and 8 cocks, 1*li.* 2*s.* 8*d.*; 8 partridges, 2 teals, 2 pullets, and 12 larks, 1*li.* 5*s.* 8*d.*; anchovies and butter and other things, 19*s.* 2*d.*; a leg of veal and beef for gravy, 12*s.* 6*d.* In all, 20*li.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

Amongst the other items the following occur :—

For 4 pullets, one pheasant and 8 cocks, 1*li.* 14*s.* For 14 pigs, 3*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.* For 4 dozen larks and 16 lb. of sausages, 14*s.* 8*d.* For 14 "Westfalie" hams, 4*li.* 4*s.* For 8 widgeons and 18 green plovers, 1*li.* 15*s.* For billets and faggots, 1*li.* 16*s.* For coals, 7*li.* For staves, 2*s.* 6*d.* For the porter, wax torches, and glasses, 1*li.* 10*s.* 10*d.* For music, 15*li.* For dice, 31*li.* For wine, 29*li.* 4*s.* For casting boxes, 3*li.* 9*s.* To the marshal, usher and harper, 6*l.* For blowing the horn, 5*s.* Allowed a minister, 2*li.* 4*s.* For 15 turkeys, 4*li.* 10*s.* For 2 "growsis" and 2 "curlewes," 16*s.* Beef for sweetbreads. Paid the charge of my lord's night, 28*li.* 14*s.* Received in box money, 307*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.* For washing the hall and library, 5*s.* Paid the surgeon and to the watchman, that was hurt, 3*li.*

MISCELLANEA.

1664, June 18. Orders made by the Lord High Chancellor of England and all the Judges of both benches and barons of the Exchequer, by command of the King, signified by the Lord Chancellor for the government of the Inns of Court and Chancery.

"First, That the Inns of Chancery shall hold their government subordinate to the benchers of every the Inns of Court unto which they belong, and that the benchers of every Inn of Court make orders for governing them, as to keeping commons and attending and performing exercise, according to former usage. And in case any attorney, clerk, or any officer of any court of Justice, being of any of the Inns of Chancery, shall withstand the direction given by the benchers of Court, upon complaint thereof to the Judges of the Court in which he shall serve, he shall be severely punished, either by 'forejudging' from the Court, or otherwise as the case shall deserve.

"Secondly, That the benchers of every Inn of Court cause the Inns of Chancery to be surveyed that there may be a competent number of chambers for students, and that once a year an exact survey be taken that the chambers allotted for that purpose be accordingly employed."

Thirdly, as to the lodging and harbouring of dangerous persons. This is in the same words as the first of the like rules made in 1614 (see Inner Temple Records, vol. ii., p. 83).

Fourthly, as to good government in matters of religion. In the same terms as the second of the rules above referred to.

Fifthly, as to the society being ordained chiefly for the profession of the law. In the same terms as the third of the above mentioned rules.

"Sixthly, In that there ought always to be observed a difference between utter barristers, readers in Court, apprentices at law, which are the principal persons next to the sergeants at law and judges in administration of justice, and attorneys and solicitors, which are but ministerial persons of an inferior nature, and therefore it is ordered that from henceforth no common attorney or solicitor shall hereafter be admitted of any of the four Houses of Court."

Seventhly, as to the maintaining of readings. In the same terms as the sixth of the rules before referred to.

"Eighthly, That none be admitted to the bar but only such as be at least of seven years' continuance and have kept his exercise within the House and abroad in Inns of Chancery, and have been frequently in commons according to the orders of the House. And none be called to the bar by readers but by the bench at parliaments, councils, and pensions, and that, when they shall find a number of fit and learned students and of honest conversation and well deserving the same."

"Ninthly, That the benchers hereafter be chosen for their learning, for their only keeping the exercises of their House, for their honest behaviour and good dispositions and such as for their experience and practice be of best note and ability to serve the kingdom. And if any refuse to read then they are to undergo such fine and censure as the benchers or readers shall think fit to lay on them, which, if they shall refuse to pay or perform, then upon complaint to the judges, such course shall be taken by them as shall enforce them to the performance thereof."

Tenthly, as to decency in apparel. In the same terms as the ninth of the rules before referred to.

Eleventhly, as to reverence and respect. In the same terms as the last of the above rules.

"Twelfthly, It is ordered that readings in the Inns of Court begin at the usual time and continue until Friday in the second week next after their commencement inclusive, as hath been heretofore used. And for the prevention of disorders, that the readers take care that no person be permitted to drink in their cellars, and that there be no expense of wine in the House but publicly in hall at meals."

"Thirteenthly, For that readings are grown so excessive a charge that many of eminent abilities for learning have been discouraged from undertaking the same, and some which did, have been much disabled thereby in their estates to the injury of them and their families, it is ordered that no reader have above twelve attendants in liveries nor expend above 300*li.* in the whole charge of his readings, except such as are of the King's, Queen's or Prince's Counsel, or such others as have liberty to come within the bar or the recorder of the City of London for the time being."

"Fourteenthly, For the better supporting and carrying on of readings, it is ordered that such benchers, barristers, and other gentlemen of the several societies attend at the readings for arguing the reader's cases and performing other exercises and services, both within the societies and at the Inns of Chancery, as hath been used by the ancient orders of the respective Inns of Court. And that the benchers consider of and impose fitting penalties to enjoin the due observance thereof."

"Fifteenthly, It is ordered that readers at Inns of Chancery be chosen and continue, and readings and all other exercises be duly performed there, according to the former usages of the respective Inns of Court and Chancery.

"Sixteenthly, For prevention of unnecessary expense lately crept into the Inns of Court and of disorders thereby occasioned, it is ordered that no gentleman of any Inns of Court, being either called to the bar or at or under the bar, who shall bring in any bar or other moot, shall give any entertainment with wine or otherwise to the gentlemen of the society or others, either within or out of the House, upon penalty that the gentleman that breaks this order shall pay 10*li.* to the society, and that such moot shall not be taken to be an exercise, but here to remain in the same (and no better) condition than as if the moot had not been performed at all.

"Seventeenthly, For that it is found by experience that by the neglect of commons in the vacations the gentlemen of the Inns of Court are often drawn to frequent ordinaries, gaming-houses, and other places of disorder, whereby the neglect of their studies, if not the corruption of their manners, is occasioned, it is ordered that the benchers of every Inn of Court take care that commons be constantly kept as well all the vacations as in the term time, except as is hereinafter mentioned, and that the barristers and other gentlemen of the societies do keep or be cast into commons, according to the ancient orders of the respective societies. And for the prevention of dishonour to the societies by the great disorders and mischief which happen by gaming and other licentious courses lately used in the time of Christmas, no commons shall be kept in any Inns of Court in the time of Christmas or in one week before or after. And if this order shall not be observed or if any shall presume to break open the hall, kitchen, or cellar doors in any Inns of Court or attempt the

same, for the keeping of Christmas commons, that complaint be made thereof to the Lord Chief Justices or any other the Judges which shall be then in town who will take a speedy and . . . course for the suppressing and punishment thereof."

And lastly, for that the keeping up of constant exercises is the chiefest means of inciting gentlemen to diligence in their studies, and of attaining a sufficient ability in the profession of the law, it is ordered that the benchers of the several Inns of Court take especial care that exercises be regularly performed as well in the vacation as in the terms, according to the orders of the respective Houses, and for the better support thereof in the vacations, that barristers and gentlemen under the bar be strictly enjoined by the benchers of every Inn of Court, to keep their vacations according to the ancient customs of the respective Houses.

Signed, Clarendon, C., Robt. Hyde, Orl. Bridgman, Matthew Hale, Edward Atkins, Tho. Twisden, Tho. Tirrell, Chr. Turner, Sam. Browne, Wm. Wyndham, Ja. Keeling, Ja. Archer, and Richd. Rainsford. (*Copy.*)

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664, before EDWARD JOHNSON, EDWARD THURLAND, JOHN TUBERVILL, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of Charles Hatton, second son of Christopher, Lord Hatton, at the request of Tubervile, late reader; and of Whitlocke Bulstrod, grandchild of Bulstrod of the bench, deceased, at the request of his father, Richard Bulstrod.

John Vaughan "is desired to accept of the bench according to his former call and with the like seniority, voice, and precedency, but discharged of any obligation or expectation to read by the unanimous consent of this parliament and the full respect of the whole House."

Whereas[1] John Warner has lately purchased of the relict of Thomas Turner, barber, a shop and room over it in the churchyard, and has added two rooms to the same, it is ordered that in considera-

[1] This entry is at the end of the volume of Acts of Parliament, and in a different handwriting to the other entries of proceedings at this parliament.

tion of his surrendering the remainder of the lease granted to the said Thomas Turner, he shall have a new lease for twenty-one years. Nevertheless the said shop and rooms shall be subject to the House in case the church be repaired and beautified on the outside.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 16 Charles II., A.D. 1664-5, before SIR JOHN HEATH, knight, attorney of the Duchy of Lancaster, EDWARD JOHNSON, FRANCIS PHILLIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Allowance to officers and watchmen. The allowance to the gentlemen for Christmas commons is referred to the bench table.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Lancelot Johnson, the elder, John Sparrow, and Edward Searle.

Petition of Dr. Richard Ball, reciting that "an habitation within your walls for your preacher is both of a civil and sacred concernment, which made me much desire it, though I sat rent free where I lived. The love of your society towards this work I do and shall always thankfully acknowledge, which gave me the last spring one hundred pounds. Besides that hundred pounds I have laid out upon that building one hundred and fifty pounds and upwards. My humble request to your honourable society is that you will be pleased to remove this great burden from my shoulders or at least to lighten it." Order for the said petition to be referred to Mr. Attorney of the Duchy and Sir Richard Hopkins, to inquire into the nature of the doctor's disbursements and report to the bench table.

Petition of Richard Rudyard, a member of the society of the Middle Temple. "That the petitioner's chamber being situate on the east side of the churchyard in part looking towards Parson's Court and the chamber over the same belonging to the Inner Temple, and the side of the chamber adjoining to Parson's Court being an old stone wall, and windows very ruinous and ready to fall down, to the great danger of the petitioner and his neighbours and all passing through Parson's Court." The petitioner at the encouragement of Sir Heneage Finch repaired the said chambers, and expended upon the Inner Temple chamber the sum of 20 marks, which he prays he

may be re-imbursed. Order that Foster and Powell of the bench view the said repairs and report to the next parliament.

Petition of Thomas Moore, gentleman, member of the Inner Temple, that whereas by reason of his great loss sustained through one Fabian Hicks, late a member of this Society, to whom at several times he lent "by specialtie" and otherwise 270*li.*, for the last 70*li.* whereof he had a bargain and sale of a chamber, to which he was never admitted and so knoweth himself to be lost in law. And also by reason of several great losses sustained in the late rebellious times, for his loyalty, together with his great charge, having a wife and eight children reduced from a plentiful estate to extreme poverty, he prays he may be assigned a chamber in lieu of the chamber above referred to, or such relief as may seem meet. Order that 10*li.* be given to the said petitioner.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 17 Charles II., A.D. 1664-5, before SIR JOHN HEATH, EDWARD JOHNSON, FRANCIS PHILLIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order upon the report of the attorney of the Duchy and Sir Richard Hopkins that 100*li.* be given to Dr. Ball to be paid out of the treasury of this House towards his great disbursements about the building of his house in the garden at the east end of the church.

Order, upon the report of Foster and Powell, that 20 marks be given to Rudyard for the repairs to the chamber in the churchyard.

James Heath, George Croke, John Halloway, Nathaniel Whetham, Thomas Clarke, George Abbott, Ambrose Phillips, William Armiger, Edward Batthurst, John Gilthorpe, William Lane, Thomas Pecke, John Taylor, Thomas Hobson, William Ryley, Kenwrick Eyton, Thomas Pettit, Edward Baldwin, Charles Danvers, Lewis Ethrington, and Richard Hopkins called to the bar.

"Whereas there hath of late been a more frequent failure of exercise in this society than formerly, which has been occasioned by reason that the students of this society have neglected to keep their vacations according to former orders, whereby they might have enabled themselves, both by their study and conversation; for remedy whereof and in order to have commons kept in the vacations, be it enacted that no member of this society whatsoever shall be called to

the bar, unless he be constantly in commons the two last reading vacations before the time of his being called to the bar, and also have performed all exercises required by the orders of this House. And the better to encourage the students of this society punctually to perform the exercises of this House, it is hereby enacted that whensoever any student of the society shall perform the several exercises of grand moots, petty moots, library moots, clerks' commons cases, and imparlances, and he being of full time, shall be called to the bar and not stay and expect until a general call to the bar shall be."

PARLIAMENT held on 23 April, 17 Charles II., A.D. 1665, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, knight, EDWARD JOHNSON, FRANCIS PHILLIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Christopher Milton chosen reader for the summer vacation, and York, Shieres, and Ethrington, his attendants.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 17 Charles II., A.D. 1665, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, EDWARD JOHNSON, ARTHUR TREVOR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

The choice of the stewards for the reader's dinner is referred to the bench table.

Special admission of John Carter, at the request of Sir Richard Hopkins, and of Robert Lister, son of Lister of the bench, at the request of his father.

Petition of Henry Chilton, steward of the society, to be paid the sums owing him upon apparels, and to allow him for the future poundage upon the chamber rolls.

Order thereupon that the steward shall have the allowance of poundage for money gathered on the chamber rolls, as formerly Thomas Allen, the butler, had. He shall also have 50*li.* paid him towards the apparels, and Sir Thomas Foster, Powell, Thomas Carew and Hampson are ordered to inquire when the apparels became due.

Order in accordance with the recommendation of Yorke, together with the other auditors of the steward's accounts, that the steward shall yearly bring into his account all debts due to him by the House

or any member for apparels or commons, which shall not be demanded again, and that one of the masters of the bench and one of the bar who were auditors of the said steward's account the preceding year, should also be auditor the second year, that they may the better understand what is fit to be allowed and what not.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 June, 17 Charles II., A.D. 1665, before Sir JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, knight, RICHARD GODDARD, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—John Carrell, George Cure, and John Coysh.

Special admission of Robert Lyee, son of John Lyee, of Ruthbride in Ireland, at the request of Trevor; and of Charles Baldwinn, son of Baldwinn of the bench, at the request of his father. Admission also of Viscount Fanshaw.

Order that by reason of the sickness of the plague increasing, the reading for the next vacation shall not be kept, and therefore the reader, his attendants, and the vacationers are discharged.

Whereas Viscount Fanshaw desired a piece of ground between the new building in Parson's Court and the old building, called Fuller's Buildings, containing in length 55ft. and in breadth 30ft., to build a room for the Exchequer Office, commonly called the Remembrancer, it is ordered that he shall have liberty to build there, provided that he build it substantially and cover it with lead, that he build no higher than the bottom of the window of the first storey and range in front with the new building in Parson's Court. And he shall hold the same for forty years at the yearly rent of 40*s.*, keeping it in repair. And if the estate which Viscount Fanshaw now has in the said office should determine within the said term, or if the office be removed, this act shall determine. And the building to be finished before next term.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 4 November, 1664, to 5 February, 1665.

Disbursements.

To the King's actors, for acting a play called "Love in a Maze," at the Inner Temple Hall on Candlemas day, 20*li.*

To Henry Rogers, the potter, for pots, 4*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

To Henry Hall, the potter, for pots, 4*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

To John of Oxford, by order of the bench, 4*li.*

For sea coal for the watchmen, 1*li.* 2*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 1086*li.* 15*s.* 3*d.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 661*li.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

In the treasurer's hands, 425*li.* 2*s.* 10*d.*

Disbursements by Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 3 November, 1664, to 3 November, 1665.

To the master of the revels, by orders of the bench, 4*li.*

To Playford, for a new parliament book, 13*s.*

For Baker's funeral, 2*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

To Dr. Ball, for his allowance, at 25*li.* a quarter.

To Dr. Griffith for the same, at 12*li.* 10*s.* a quarter.

To Parnell, for reading prayers, at 3*li.* 15*s.* a quarter.

To Miland, for the moiety of work done in the church, 3*s.* 9*d.*

To Playford, the clerk, for the payment of several ministers for reading prayers, 3*li.* 15*s.*

For six dozen counters, 3*s.*

To Hall, the glass painter, for setting up Mr. Justice Keeling's arms in the hall window, 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Pomeray, for reading prayers for a quarter, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To the Exchequer for fee farm rent, 10*li.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires, 3*li.* 15*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 467*li.* 2*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 343*li.* 5*s.* 8*d.*

There remains in the accountant's hands, 123*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament held on 11 February, 18 Charles II., A.D. 1665-6, before Sir John Heath, Sir Edward Thurland, Edward Johnson, and others. Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer.

Order that the pension be double.

Allowance of 5*s.* a man weekly to the officers and watchmen during the time of the late discontinuance of commons.

The reader, his attendants, and the stewards for the reader's dinner are continued. And in regard to the sickness of the plague still continuing, the same officers and the vacationers are discharged.

Appointment of the auditors for the treasurer's accounts deferred.

Order that every fellow shall pay his commons within half a week from the auditing thereof, and the steward is to deliver the name of any fellow failing to do so to the masters of the bench, and should the steward omit to do this, he is to expect no further aid from the House for such debts.

Order that the steward shall attend at the clerks' commons table with his rolls, at the beginning of dinners and suppers there to receive the money due to him for commons, according to the ancient usage.

Roger Hill called to the bar.

The appointment of Anthony Smith as steward, confirmed.

Treasurer:—Sir Heneage Finch, re-elected.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 May, 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and WILLIAM YORKE. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Pension assessed single.

Allowance to officers and watchmen during the time that commons were discontinued in the last vacation.

Christopher Milton continued reader, and York, Shieres, and Etherington his attendants.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—John Carrell, George Cure, and John Coysh.

Special admission of Thomas Littleton, son of Sir Thomas Littleton, at the request of his father.

Order that Thomas Allen, second butler, shall collect the money due upon the rolls of Henry Chilton, late steward.

Order that Richard Fifield, chief butler, shall have the chambers and rooms lately built near the gardener's house, and that he may dispose of his ground chamber in the Inner Temple Lane.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 May, 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and RICHARD GODDARD. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of Richard Crooke, eldest son of Richard Crooke, of the bench, at the request of his father; and of Arthur Fitton, at the request of Arthur Trevor of the bench, his uncle.

William Palgrave, James Tyrrell, Isaac Foxcroft, Francis Fuller, Christopher Bard, Henry Parker, Ambrose Butler, John Wilkinson, Richard Whitcome, Richard Edde, and John Turbervill called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and RICHARD GODDARD. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Francis Manley and Thomas Wroth called to the bar.

The reading for the next summer vacation is not to be kept, on account of the sickness. The reader, his attendants, the stewards for the reader's dinner, and the vacationers are discharged from their attendance.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 October, 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and WILLIAM YORKE. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Allowances to officers and watchmen.

Order that Sir John Heath, Sir Edward Thurland, Yorke, Sir Thomas Forster, Goodfellow, Pecke, Baldwin, Croke, and Powell, benchers, or five of them, shall consider of the new buildings to be erected in this House, and take into consideration all circumstances touching the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 18 Charles II., A.D. 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and SIR THOMAS FORSTER. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Milton chosen reader, and Yorke, Shieres, and Etherington, his attendants.

Auditors:—Sir Thomas Forster, Croke, Hampson, and West, for the steward's accounts; and Sir Edward Thurland, Goodfellowe, Buggins, and Henne, for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of Francis Twisden, at the request of Mr. Justice Twisden, his father; and of Charles Forster, at the request of Sir Thomas Forster, his father.

Treasurer:—Sir Heneage Finch, continued.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 5 February, 1665-6 to 5 November, 1666.

Disbursements.

To John Craford, for nursing a bastard child,[1] 2*li.* 4*s.*

To Alice Chiltern, daughter and administratrix of Henry Chiltern, late steward, for wages due, 12*li.* 16*s.*

To Samuel Hall, for watching in the fire time, 1*li.* 15*s.*

To Spier, the grocer, for the Inner Temple share of a barrel of powder used in the time of the fire, 1*li.* 8*s.*

To Mrs. Anne Mathew, for stones and paving the Middle Temple Lane, for the Inner Temple share, 7*li.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Sum total of the receipts, 792*li.* 2*s.* 10*d.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 538*li.* 1*s.* 2*d.*

There remains in emendels, 254*li.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Disbursements by Richard Fifeild, chief butler, from 5 November, 1665, to 5 November, 1666.

Allowance as usual to Dr. Ball and Pomery.

To Robert Britton, a carpenter, the moiety of a bill for work done at the church, 1*li.* 12*s.* 11*d.*

To Thomas Porter, bricklayer, for the like, 2*li.*

To Blake, plumber, for the like, 7*li.* 8*s.*

To Playford, the clerk, for hiring a preacher, 10*s.*

For the fee farm to the Exchequer, 10*li.*

To four engineers that worked at the fire, by order of the masters of the bench, 4*li.*

To the glass painter, the moiety for mending the king's arms in the church and work in the hall, 2*li.* 1*s.*

To Drake, the upholsterer, for mending an old leather carpet, and for a new carpet, 1*li.* 19*s.*

To the woodmonger, for faggots for bonfires, 4*li.* 4*s.*

Allowed to Fifeild for his attendance after the great fire, 6*li.*

To a soldier of Kingston, for service done to prevent the firing of the hall, 2*li.*

To the three butlers, Andrew, Richard, and Robert, for pains taken and watching, amongst them, 4*li.*

Sum total of the receipts, 342*li.* 8*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of disbursements, 243*li.* 13*s.* 8*d.*

So there remains, 98*li.* 15*s.* 5*d.*

[1] Several other like payments.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 18 Charles II., A.D. 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and SIR THOMAS FORSTER. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

George Turbervile called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 November, 18 Charles II., A.D. 1666, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and FRANCIS PHELIPS. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Sir John Heath, attorney-general of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sir Edward Thurland, one of the King's counsel-at-law, Edward Pecke, Samuel Baldwin, William Lister, and Richard Powell, masters of the bench, or three of them, to be a committee "to treat with any persons and settle all matters in reference to the rebuilding of the Society."

Order for Edward Pecke to rebuild the rooms or chambers upon the soil allotted for the corner chamber of Tanfield Court, where his chamber, which was burnt down, formerly stood.

Licence to Hopton, Shuter, and Charles Stewart, in consideration of rebuilding the chamber of the said Shuter in Figtree Court, formerly burnt, and paying the sum of 10*li.* to have an assignment in the said chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 18 Charles II., A.D. 1666-7, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and FRANCIS PHELIPS. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Allowance to officers and watchmen during the discontinuance of commons.

Stewards for reader's dinner:—John Carrell, George Cure, and John Coysh.

Tubervile chosen one of the attendants on the reader in the place of Yorke, now deceased.

"Whereas at this parliament Richard Rowe, mariner, who had 5*li.* formerly given him by this society for his pains taken in ex-

tinguishing the fire at the end of the Inner Temple Hall, did now petition for a further reward, whereupon it is ordered that the petitioner shall have given to him the sum of 5*li.* more as a full and final reward from this society."

An agreement dated 27 January, 1666-7, between the treasurer and masters of the bench of the Inner Temple and Francis Phelips, a bencher, touching the new building of those chambers and rooms called the King's Bench Building, lately consumed by fire. (1) It is agreed that Francis Phelips may rebuild the said buildings four storeys high, and may also build 30ft. in length from the south end of the King's Bench Buildings, towards the river Thames, to adjoin and be part of the said building. (2) That Francis Phelips may have the old material and may lay the useless rubbish on the low place between the walks before the King's Bench Buildings and the Thames, and have the use of a landing-place used by the gardeners, and also the use of the void places before that building, or between the Thames and that building, for laying his materials and working his frame for the building. (3) That no partner or sharer be imposed on the said Francis Phelips, and that the gentlemen who had chambers in those buildings before the late fire, be preferred for the new chambers. (4) That the master of the King's Bench Office to be admitted to a treaty as others that had chambers, and the master of the Crown Office in the King's Bench may be treated upon the same terms. (5) That the said treasurer and masters of the bench, as far as lawfully they may in parliament, shall grant to the said Francis Phelips, his executors, administrators, and assigns, the ground where the said building called the King's Bench Building stood, the cellar under the south part thereof, and 30ft. of ground from the said building towards the River Thames, of the same breadth as the King's Bench Building, for three lives, whereof two are to be named within two years, and the third by the will or other writing of the said Francis. (6) That the said Francis shall have power to grant the said chambers. (7) As to the payments to the treasurer for admittances to the said chambers. (8) That the persons admitted to such chambers must be members of the society. (9) That every room of the said building is granted to the said Francis, his executors, administrators or assigns for three lives. (10) That the said Francis be admitted to the said ground without fine. (11) That the persons

to whom the said Francis shall grant the same chambers shall hold the same without let or disturbance. (*Signature of Francis Phelips.*)

Order that the masters of the bench, who build any other lodgings in the House, are to have the like liberties and the same terms as Francis Phelips.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1666-7, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and SIR THOMAS FOSTER. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of William Farrer, at the request of Farrer of the bench, his father; and of Edward Herbert, son of Sir Edward Herbert, deceased.

John Conde, Nicholas Smith, John Sparrowe, Francis Woollfreston, Albian (*sic*) Chaire, William Kenwrick, Edward Trapps, Thomas Mann, Thomas Stermey, Henry Russell, Thomas Wardner, John Moyle, and John Church, called to the bar.

"Upon the proposal of Dr. Ball, master of the Temple, to build his house, lately burnt down, at his own charge, and to lay out in building it the sum of 400*li.*, it is agreed and so ordered that Dr. Ball laying out 400*li.* or more in building the said house, and to build with brick, shall have a lease thereof for one and thirty years to commence from the time of his death or leaving the mastership of the Temple, which shall first happen, and that the said Dr. Ball, his executors, or administrators, within three months from and after the time of his death or removal, which shall first happen, shall make a tender of the said building and let the same for the whole term to the treasurers for the time being of both Temples, at 40*li.* per annum, which said treasurers shall have two terms' time to consider whether they will give 40*li.* per annum to the said Dr. Ball, his executors or administrators, for the said house so to be built as aforesaid, for and during the term of the said lease, and then the said house be employed as both societies shall agree, but if the said treasurers shall within the time aforesaid refuse to give to the said Dr. Ball, his executors and administrators, 40*li.* per annum for the said house, for and during the said term, then the said Dr. Ball, his executors or administrators, shall let the said house to the master of

the Temple for the time being at 40*li.* per annum. And if the master of the Temple shall refuse to give the said rent, then he shall let the same to any member or members of either of the societies of the Temples and to no other, at what rate he thinks fit."

PARLIAMENT held on 28 April, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1667, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FORSTER, and CHRISTOPHER GOODFELLOWE. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Milton chosen reader, and Turbervile, Sheires, and Etherington his attendants.

Special admission of John Goodfellowe, at the request of Christopher Goodfellowe, his father; and of Richard Powell, at the request of his father, Powell of the bench.

Sir Edward Thurland, Robert Sheires, Christopher Goodfellowe, Richard Croke, and William Lister, five of the masters of the bench, or any three of them, to be a committee to see the building by Ram Alley carried on and the passages set out, and the rubbish and other obstructions in the way of the buildings removed at the charge of those who layed the rubbish there, and to provide that the work be finished by winter. It is also desired that they will view the ground by the Alienation Office and arrent it.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 May, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1667, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and SIR THOMAS FORSTER. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that if any gentleman, who has undertaken the new building by Ram Alley, shall not begin the said building before the first parliament in the next term, then some other gentleman whose chambers have been burnt down, shall be permitted to build in his room.

"Whereas the original institution of reading did only respect the instruction and advantage of the students in the progress of their studies, and whereas according to the said institution and the ancient course and usage of readings thereupon grounded in this and other

inns of court, the readers were not exposed to such excessive charges and expenses in feastings and entertainments as in these later times, wherein by reason of the late excesses in that kind, divers of this society, sufficient for their learning, have been and yet are very much discouraged from undertaking the said laudable exercise of reading, and whereas also of late years several gentlemen of this society, not content with the allowances of wine made unto them by the readers at public meals in the hall, have used to press into the reader's cellar and many times to carry strangers with them thither, there to entertain themselves and their friends, not without some disorder oftentimes happening to the gravity and good government of this society. For the better regulation therefore of such charges and the prevention of the like discouragements, irregularities, and inconveniences for the future, be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by this present parliament, that no reader of this society shall or may from henceforth have more than six servants in liveries to attend upon him during his reading without the licence and approbation of the treasurer and benchers of this society, or the major part of them for the time being, first had and obtained (the King's, Queen's, and Prince's counsel, the recorder of London, and such who are allowed to practise within bar, only excepted), and that no reader, without licence as aforesaid, during his said reading shall or may come at night into the hall or be at any expense there for exceedings or otherwise at suppers, or make any feasts or entertainments to strangers upon reading days. And that the said readers may be at liberty to take their own time for breaking their statute at the laver, so as the same be done without prejudice to the said exercise. And lastly that the gentlemen of this society shall be content with the reader's allowance of wine in the public hall at meals, without pressing or entering at any time hereafter themselves or carrying any strangers into the cellar appointed for the reader's stores."

PARLIAMENT held on 9 June, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1667, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and SIR THOMAS FORSTER. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—John Carrell, George Cure, and Thomas Blount.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1667, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, CHRISTOPHER GOODFELLOW, and SAMUEL BALDWYN.

Robert Shieres chosen reader, and Sir Thomas Forster, Etherington, and Goodfellow, his attendants.

Auditors :—Lister, Powell, Edwards, and Gardiner for the steward's accounts; and Baldwyn, Croke, West, and Dolben for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of James Morton, at the request of his father, Sir William Morton, one of the justices of the King's Bench.

Treasurer :—Sir Heneage Finch, continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.[1]

BENCH TABLE held on 12 May, 1667.

Order that Crooke, Hampson, and Richard Holloway be a committee to consider the debts due from the fellows to the steward.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 May, 1667.

That Powell, West, and Charles Holloway should join the said committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 May, 1667.

Order that the second and third butlers shall daily assist the steward to collect the moneys due on the steward's roll, and that 100*li.* thereof shall be received by the steward for buying provisions and the rest paid to the chief butler.

[1] These are on fol. 6 dors. of the first vol. of the Bench Table Orders.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 5 November, 1666, to 3 November, 1667.

Disbursements.

To two watchmen, for watching one night at a fire, which happened over the Crown Office, 5*s.*

To five watermen, for helping to quench that fire, 5*s.*

To John Underwood, for mending the engine, 1*li.* 8*s.*

To John Ladd, for pulling down a brick wall which stood within the Alienation Office Garden, 10*li.*

To William Berry and Samuel Hall, for watching at the time when the Dutch fleet came into the River, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To John Jordan, the bricklayer, for building the library and the chamber under it, 430*li.*

For moving a heap of rubbish from before the Exchequer Office, 12*s.*

To John Playford, for his wages and board wages as clerk, and for necessaries about the Church, and for mending the bells, 13*li.* 17*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 689*li.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

Sum total of disbursements, 1,068*li.* 5*s.*

Remains in apparels, 378*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.* (*sic*).

Memorandum, the treasurer is to be charged with 12*li.* for 15,000 bricks, at the rate of 16*s.* per 1,000.

Disbursements by Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 5 November, 1666 to 3 November, 1667.

Allowance to Dr. Ball, as before.

To Pomeroy, for a quarter, for reading prayers in the Temple Church, ended Christmas, 1666, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Richard Row, mariner, given him by parliament, 5*li.*

For mending the pump in Hare Court, 1*li.* 6*s.*

To Hockett, for reading prayers, for quarter ending Lady Day, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Playford, for providing a preacher on 26th May, 1667, 1*li.*

For an hour glass, and half hour glass, 1*s.* 5*d.*

For searching records in several offices, 1*li.* 3*s.* 8*d.*

To Sherwood, the minister, by order of the bench table, 30*li.*

To Dr. Stillingfleet, for his allowance for the Michaelmas quarter, 20*li.*

To the master of the revels, by order of the bench, 2*li.*

Sum total of the receipts, 367*li.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 333*li.* 3*s.* 11*d.*

In the accountant's hands, 38*li.* 17*s.* 9*d.* (*sic.*)

MISCELLANEA.

1666, November 23. Order by the treasurer for the special admission of Henry Dering, of the University of Cambridge.

1666-7, February 7. Like order for the general admission of Robert Wadman, of the University of Oxford.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 November, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1667, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and FRANCIS PHILLIPPS. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

John Boynton, Thomas Carew, Edward Shelton, Robert Hampson, and Thomas Harris, called to the bench.

Special admission of Richard Milton, son of Milton of the bench, at the request of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 19 Charles II., A.D. 1667-8, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, FRANCIS PHILLIPPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards of the reader's dinner:—Sir John Wynn, Sir John Churchman, and Richard Langhorn.

Special admission of John Wolstenholme, at the request of Phillipps of the bench, and due to him at his reading.

Order that Edward Shelton and Thomas Harris, for refusing to come to the bench, are fined 100 marks each.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 February, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1667-8, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, FRANCIS PHILLIPPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Sir John Heath, Phillipps, Goodfellow, and Lister, appointed a committee to determine all differences which may arise between the builders of the several staircases near Ram Alley.

Richard Batt, John Walker, Edward Cooke, John Clendon, John King, John Chambelyn, William Nourse, Cherry Culpepper, John Ramsden, Christopher Milton, and Henry Trinder called to the bar, "laying down one vacation and entering into bond of 200*li.* with two sureties before they be sworn."

William Harpham, an ancient fellow of the society, in respect of his office, is called to be an associate of the bar.

Henry Hene and Edmund West called to the bench.

Sir Nicholas Stroud called an associate of the bench.

"Whereas certain rooms have been heretofore purposely erected and builded within the precinct of this House, without any charge to the society for the Office of Alienation, which buildings ever since the erection of them, together with the garden adjoining have been used to and for the use of the said office and of the officers and clerks serving in the same, and for no other use, which said buildings and several other buildings belonging to this Society, adjoining to the said garden were burnt by the late great fire, and whereas a certain quantity of ground belonging to this Society, containing 3,200ft., or thereabouts is now made part of the said garden and some part of the buildings, newly erected at the charge of the King's Majesty for the said Office of Alienation, are built upon ground belonging to this Society and likewise some part of the buildings newly erected by this Society are likewise built upon ground, part of the said garden, containing 1,017ft. or thereabouts." It is ordered that the King, his heirs, and successors may for ever have all the rooms and buildings lately erected at the King's charge and the said garden plot thereunto adjoining, as now it is, in lieu and recompense of the soil whereupon the buildings have been erected at the charge of this Society or any of the members thereof, to the use aforesaid or any other like public service or to or for the use of any fellow of the Society for the time being. And the King, his heirs, and successors may nominate such persons, fellows of this House, to be admitted into the same rooms, buildings, and other the premises. And the treasurer shall admit such persons without any charge, but they shall bear the ordinary duties.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 April, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Richard Etherington chosen reader, and Sir Richard Hopkins, Goodfellow, and Peck his attendants.

Humphrey Wirley, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, called an associate of the bar.

Thomas Weely called to the bar.

Order that all fellows, who had their chambers burnt down and desire to build chambers in this House, if they declare such desire

before the beginning of Trinity term to the masters of the bench, shall have ground allowed them to build upon, under the same conditions as have been granted to others, but in case such persons do not make their desire known before next term, they shall be debarred from such liberty and benefit.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 May, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that Humphrey Wirley, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, shall sit at the upper end of the ancient bar table, above the rest of the utter barristers.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 May, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—John Penne, Francis Shalcrosse, and William Dike.

Humphrey Wirley called an associate to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 June, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that Richard Etherington, Christopher Goodfellow, Edward Peck, William Lister, Richard Powell, and Robert Hampson, six masters of the bench, or any three of them, be a committee to consider Graham's petition, the several reparations "of the walls and sewers and the fitting of the soil," against next term, and to settle the differences between this House and Mr. Langon.

Licence to Roger Twisden to build on the north side of the hall, for two lives, and he shall pay the House for such materials as he shall use, and cover the building with lead

Whereas Edward Shelton has paid the fine of 100 marks for not coming to the bench, it is ordered that he shall receive his fine back

if he take his place at the bench table the first week of next Michaelmas term.

Special admission of Edward Bamfeild, son and heir apparent of William Bamfeild, of Gray's Inn Lane, at the request of Sheires, in respect of his reading; and of Edward Cooke great grandchild of Sir Edward Cooke, deceased, at the request of Sir Edward Cooke, his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 November, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Pension assessed double.

Christopher Goodfellowe chosen reader, and Milton, Pecke, and Dennis his attendants.

Auditors:—Powell, Hampson, Gardner, and Shuter for the steward's accounts; and Croke, Pecke, Richard Holloway, and Dolben, for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of Robert Heath, nephew of Sir John Heath, at the request of his uncle.

Order that the fee farm rent shall be paid to Watts, the Queen's receiver, it being part of her Majesty's jointure.

Treasurer:—Sir Henry Finch, continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 November, 1668.

Croke, Powell, and Hampson to examine the orders of the House and report such as shall be found to be for the good and benefit of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 November, 1668.

Crooke, Powell, Hampson, Henne, and West to consider of sums owing to the House.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 3 November, 1667, to 8 November, 1668.

Disbursements.

In part of a sum due to the treasurer, 100*li.* In full of what was due to him in apparels at the foot of the last account, 274*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

To Isaac Row, for painting the library and moot chamber, 32*li.* 15*s.*

To William Roundthwayte, the joiner, for wainscotting the library and moot chamber and for other things, 136*li.*

To Morice Emmott and Stephen Cresser, for the half of the party wall so high as the library, 21*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

To Henry Rogers and Henry Hale, for pots, 20*li.* 10*s.*

To Mowre, the herald painter, as by his bill appears, 5*li.* 18*s.*

Sum total of the receipts [not given].

Total of the disbursements, 998*li.* 17*s.* 8*d.*

There rest in apparels, 154*li.* 11*s.* 0*d.*

Receipts by Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 3 November, 1667, to 8 November, 1668.

Of John Palgrave for a fine for the failure of a moot at Clement's Inn for his default when he was reader there, 2*l.*

Of Dennington for the like at Clifford's Inn, 4*li.*

Disbursements by Richard Fifield for the same time.

To Milton of the bench, by the treasurer's order, the sum of 31*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for money due by Carrell, one of the stewards of the bar, for Milton's reading, and for John Clerke and Rosse, the two stewards under the bar, 31*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Dr. Ball, for his allowance, at 25*li.* a quarter.

To Dr. Stillingfleet, for his allowance, at 20*li.* a quarter.

To Hockett, for reading prayers, at 3*li.* 15*s.* a quarter.

To the master of the revels, 2*li.*

To Berre, the musician, for the 5 Nov. and the yearly fee, 4*li.*

To Thomas Allen, for chimney money for two years, 1*li.* 4*s.*

For staves and wands, 2*s.*

To Edwards, the linen draper, for 169¾ ells of "broad Gentis Holland" for table cloths and 20 yards for towels, 20*li.*

Delivered to the treasurer to present to my lord chief justice Vaughan, when he took his leave of this House as a serjeant, 10*li.*

For a purse, 1*s.*

To Wynn, for setting up two dials at the end of the church, 4*li.*

To Drake, for hire of chairs, tables, and carpets on All Saints day and Candlemas day last, 2*li.*

For a pair of weights to weigh the bread, 5*s.*

To the woodmonger for 400 of faggots for bonfires, 3*li.*

For the fee farm rent for a year ended at Michaelmas, 1668, to Watts, the Queen's receiver, 10*li.*

Sum total of the receipts, 532*li.* 5*s.* 1*d.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 511*li.* 8*s.* 5*d.*

So there remains, 20*li.* 13*s.* 8*d.* (*sic.*)

Allowed to Fifield in respect of his extraordinary pains about the buildings, 5*li.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT for Christmas, 1667-8. Amongst the items the following occur:—

Nine Westphalian hams, 1*li.* 18*s.*; one hare, a tongue, and anchovies, 10*s.*; for shrimps, 2*s.*; fresh salmon, 14*s.*; to the horn blower and hall cleaner, 5*s.*; to the King's trumpeters, 3*li.* 9*s.*; for oranges, lemons, and porters, 6*s.* 10*d.*; the harper for two weeks, 2*li.*; for green fish and whitings, 17*s.*; for music, 7*li.*; and for dice, 34*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

ACTS OF THE CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT beginning on St. Thomas' Eve.

Officers:—Thomas Walker, controller; Litleton, speaker; Whithall, Winford, and Ramsden, stewards; and Hales, Cooke, and Shann, the committee of music.

Order that tables may be set up this night for play, and commons to-morrow.

That all that shall not subscribe or pay in their money by to-morrow at noon, shall be excluded out of commons, unless by special order of parliament.

That no suppers be held in the hall on any nights but festivals, till further order; and whether on Tuesday night or not, is left to the discretion of the stewards.

That there be but one hazard table, and that in the library.

That private suppers be left wholly to the discretion of the stewards.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on December 22.

Order that Drinkwater be speaker in the room of Litleton, who has resigned, and that Litleton have the thanks of the House.

That Ramsden be admitted into commons, paying his money.

That there be napkins throughout the hall.

That the butlers shall demand both of the gentlemen of the House and strangers the accustomed sum for repasts.

That the present number of watchmen continue till further order.

That the stewards examine the precedence concerning the meat that comes from the controller's table, whether it belongs to the buttery boys or the controller's servants, and in the meantime his servants to have it.

Christmas Parliament held on December 25.

Order that Agar be admitted into commons.

That Sheppard and Shann be ambassadors to the Middle Temple.

That Jeffryes and Clendon do wait upon Crisp with the desire of the House to preach the next Sunday.

That Clendon, Mostine, and Blincow be auditors of the accounts for this week.

That there be play in the hall this night.

That the controller be desired that there may be no dancing on Sunday nights.

Christmas Parliament held on December 26.

Order that the thanks of this House be given to Sheppard and Shann, ambassadors to the Middle Temple.

That Dr. Chreighton be desired to preach the next Sunday, and if his convenience will not permit, that Dr. South be desired. Crisp by a former order being appointed, and his absence not permitting, that Mostine and Sheires wait on the same person.

That Hanmer and Herne be admitted into commons.

That Sheppard, Shane, Whithall, and Sheires be a committee to wait on the committee of the Middle Temple about the satisfaction which we demand for the affront done by the ambassadors to the controller.

Christmas Parliament held on December 28.

The accounts of the stewards being audited, the thanks of the House be given to the auditors and stewards for their care.

That Whithall, one of the stewards who resigns his office, be given the thanks of the House, and Sheires be appointed in his place. Ramsden and Winford are desired to continue as stewards for the ensuing week.

That the thanks of the House be given to the controller for his concurrence in reducing the number of watchmen.

Christmas Parliament held on December 31.

Order that what is offered by the Middle Temple in relation to the affront done to the controller and this House is satisfactory, and that the thanks of the House be given to the gentlemen that managed the conference, and that Sheires and Shane be desired to attend thereon.

That the controller be allowed five pounds or thereabouts above his ordinary allowance for next Thursday's dinner.

That the number of watchmen be reduced to twelve.

Christmas Parliament held on January 1, 1667-8.

Order that Litleton and Sheppard be desired to attend the gentlemen of the Middle Temple.

"Whereas there was a difference between the two Houses, and upon the acknowledgment of their ambassadors this day in full parliament, in these words: For that affront our ambassadors offered either to the controller in particular or to the Society in general, we are sorry. Dan. Fox, Will. Arundell. Ordered that it is satisfactory, and the ancient amity be renewed and continued."

That the thanks of the House be given to Litleton and Shepardes.

Whereas by an order of the last parliament the House was pleased to allow five pounds extraordinary towards the controller's dinner on Thursday, upon serious consideration of the company that dine with him, it is ordered that five pounds more be added to the former, and what is expended above that sum he is to defray on his own account, and this by his own motion.

Christmas Parliament held on 3 January.

That the auditors of last week be continued.

Christmas Parliament held on 4 January.

That the accounts be allowed and the stewards continued.

That Cooke, Sheppard, and Shane be desired to attend the Middle Temple to-morrow, to know when they intend to leave off play.

That the watchmen accused and turned out and their accusers do appear at the next Parliament.

Christmas Parliament held on 6 January.

That the stewards do present the parson, who preached by order of this House, with two pieces in gold.

Christmas Parliament held on 7 January.

The ambassadors of the Middle Temple made answer that they would continue the keeping of Christmas this week. It is ordered thereupon that this is no friendly answer.

Ordered that Mostine and Wynn do attend the Parliament of the Middle Temple to explain their answer, and that they demand a positive answer as to the time when they will leave off.

Order that the number of the commons' music and the watchmen be contracted.

That the gentlemen in commons deposit 20*s.* more, and that if the box money do come in, the debts of the House being discharged, it be repaid them at the end of Christmas.

That it be left to the discretion of the committee of music to contract the number of music, and the number of watchmen be reduced to eight. That the watchmen accused by the controller's servants of breaking open his chamber door, be acquitted.

That the box keeper who lost his box pay 20*s*. for his neglect.

That the hatch keeper have the same allowance as his predecessors.

Christmas Parliament held on 10 January.

Orders that Humphries, Harris, and Clendon be auditors for the week's accounts, and that Christmas be continued the next week.

Christmas Parliament held on 13 January.

Orders that Shane and Sanders, being desired to attend the Middle House, that their embassy be allowed and confirmed. That last week's accounts, being audited, are allowed. That the stewards be continued and two watchmen more be added to the former number.

Christmas Parliament held on 15 January.

That the committee of music do wait upon the treasurer and receive their instructions from the speaker.

Christmas Parliament held on 17 January.

Ordered that the auditors be continued, that the play and Christmas commons end to-morrow night, and that the committee of music have the thanks of the House.

Christmas Parliament held on 18 January.

Order that the fine imposed upon the box keeper for losing his box be remitted, and that he make public acknowledgment before the steward that took up the boxes that night. That what is got by the boxes this night above what will discharge the debts of the House be given to the butlers.

That the money ordered to Mr. Ken, that preached by the order of the House, be delivered to Spark, one of the gentlemen of this House, to his use.

That the accounts be allowed.

That the controller, the speaker, the stewards, and the committee of music have the thanks of the House, and that the Parliament be adjourned to the garden at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, Treasurer.

Special admission of John Haughfell, at the request of Milton, in respect of his reading.

Sir George Charnock, Edward Thurland, Thomas Tilson, John Glass, Holland Williams, Thomas Farmer, Joseph Langton, Edward Nosworthy, Hugh Vaughan, Henry Wynford, Henry St. John, Thomas Foster, Roger Mosten, Christopher Pegg, James Cardrow, Gabriel Barnes, Thomas Gale, Thomas Geeres, Hodges Goodwyn, Paul Foley, John Whitehalgh, and George Jefferys called to the bar, "laying down one vacation and entering into bond of 200*li.* with two sureties before they are sworn."

Order that the gentlemen who have chambers in any of the late new buildings shall have time given them until the first Parliament in Hilary term to nominate their lives.

Peck, Baldwyn, Crooke, and West, four of the benchers, are desired to examine the Act of Parliament made 27 January, 1666-7, concerning the new buildings, and to consider of an Act of Parliament for the admittance of such gentlemen into their chambers as have or shall have any chambers in the late new buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 January, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1668-9, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, FRANCIS PHILLIPP, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Sir Peter Terrill, Simon Degg, and John Vincent.

Special admission of Thomas Hopkins, son of Sir Richard Hopkins of the bench, and of John Dalby, son of Edward Dalby of the bar.

Further time till next Parliament given to the gentlemen who have chambers in any of the late new buildings, to nominate their lives.

Order that Thomas Williams, stationer, who rebuilt certain shops in Tanfield Court to his great charge, shall hold the same shops for thirty-one years at the rent of 6*li.*, and shall not assign the same to any person (except a stationer, bookseller, scrivener, watch-maker, or milliner) without the consent of the treasurer and benchers.

Nomination by Francis Philips of his two sons, Francis and John, to the buildings lately erected by him.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1668-9, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

The petition of Jane Elliott, for twenty-nine years the laundress of the Inn, for an increase of wages, all things being much dearer than they were when she first came. Order thereupon that she have an increase of 5*li.* a year.

A further time till the first parliament in Easter term given for nominating lives to the new chambers. Sir Richard Hopkins to have till the end of that term.

"Memorandum that Sir Heneage Finch, knight and baronet, his Majesty's Solicitor General, treasurer of this House, having new built two rooms for the use of this society, viz., a library and a moot chamber, hath at this parliament freely given unto this society towards the charges of the said building one hundred and fifty pounds."

Sir John Heath, Sir Edward Thurland, Sir Thomas Foster, Sir Richard Hopkins, Goodfellow, Powell, Henne, and West to consider of a new building to be built at the south end of Phillipps' buildings, and to report.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 February, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1668-9, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, CHRISTOPHER GOODFELLOW, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Sir Edward Thurland, Peck, Baldwyn, Powell, and West, are desired to inquire into the title of the soil of this House, and to make their report.

Adjournment till next parliament of the proposal of Keck and others, who were sufferers with him by the late fire, to build a whole staircase on the House terms.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Edward Pecke chosen reader, and Etherington, Baldwyn, and Farrer, his attendants.

Special admission of Matthias Goodfellow, at the request of Goodfellow of the bench, by reason of his reading.

Gentlemen in the new buildings to nominate their lives before Sunday next, or in default their chambers to be seized.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 May, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Goodfellow, Peck, Lister, Powell, and Hampson to consider of a new building to be built at the south end of Phelips' building, and to lay out the ground and to determine all differences which may arise between the builders.

Order that all those gentlemen who had their chambers burnt by the late fire and do not enter their names to build in the new building at the south of Phelips' building before the first parliament of Trinity term, shall not have any ground allowed them.

Order that all those gentlemen who have chambers in the new building near Ram Alley, shall have till the first parliament of Michaelmas term to nominate their lives.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, FRANCIS PHELIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Thomas Streete, John Nourse, and Sir Francis Duncombe.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

The form of the terms for admittance to the newly built chambers in the King's Bench Walks.

The petition of William Livesay, the younger, fellow of this House, for further interest in a chamber in Fig-tree Court which may encourage him to rebuild the same.

Order thereupon that the petitioner shall have two concurrent lives in the same, to be nominated the term after the building is finished.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 July, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others.

Peck of the bench is discharged from reading this summer, because Samuel Baldwyn has received a writ to be serjeant at law.

Samuel Baldwyn chosen reader, and Ethrington, Farrer, and Croke, his attendants.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Thomas Streete, John Nourse, and Sir Francis Duncombe.

Order that the 18*li.* deposited by John Vincent with Lister upon being chosen one of the stewards for the grand feast in Goodfellow's reading, shall be paid to the use of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 November, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Pension for this half year assessed double.

Auditors :—Hampson, West, Buggins, and Shuter, for the steward's accounts; and Peck, Farrer, Dolben, and Dering, for the treasurer's accounts.

Nicholas Dennis, a bencher, having declared to the treasurer his resolution not to come any more to the bench table nor to read, it is ordered that he shall be disbenched and fined 100 marks.

Order that Edward Peck be totally excused from ever reading, receiving nevertheless all advantages as if he had already read.

Special admission of James Tyrrill, at the request of Justice Tyrrill his father; and of Unton Crooke, at the request of Serjeant Crooke, his grandfather.

John Mosyer, Charles Holloway, Simon Degg, and Thomas Streate, called to the bench; and William Longvile, one of the six clerks in Chancery, called an associate of the bench.

Treasurer :—Sir Heneage Finch, continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 November, 1668.

Farrer, Croke, Hampson, Henne, and West to examine the steward and cook concerning the feast of All Hallows last, and to report.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 December, 1668.

Order that the vacation barristers who were discharged from serving their three vacations during the late great sickness and were to have served three others in lieu thereof shall be abated two vacations upon paying all other duties.

BENCH TABLE held on 31 January, 1668-9.

Whereas several fellows came into the hall in the time of revels with their hats, swords, and coats, it is ordered that no fellows shall at any time come into the hall but in their gowns and caps, according to the ancient orders of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 20 February, 1668-9.

Orders for payments to be made for beer and to the baker, and that Thomas Allin shall give an account of moneys received upon Mr. Smith's Roll.

BENCH TABLE held on 10 May, 1669.

Farrer, Powell, Hampson, Henne and West, to examine the differences between Chalton and Smith, the stewards.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 May, 1669.[1]

Order by the committee to set out the ground for a new building at the south end of Phelips' building, that the said new building shall be built 20 ft. distant from Phelips' building, and range with it, and not to exceed 38 ft. in depth, nor 6 ft. in front for a staircase.

Order that if any of the servants, who serve the House with beer, bread, coals, or chandlery ware, and who shall be unpaid by the steward one term, do not make it known at the first parliament in the term following, they are not to expect payment from the House.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 8 November, 1668 to 8 November, 1669.

Remaining in apparels at the foot of the last account, 154*li.* 11*s.*, whereof 150*li.* 11*s.* the treasurer was pleased to present to the society towards the charge of building the library, so there remains in apparels, 4*li.*

[1] These are at the end of the volume of Bench Table Orders.

Disbursements.

To the players of the Duke's house, for acting "Love in a Tub," upon Candlemas Day, 20*li.*

To Simon New, for nursing a bastard child for a year, 6*li.* 4*s.*

To Footer, "for carrying a woman to (*sic*) Mr. Almory's chamber to the King's Bench prison," 10*s.*

To the King's players, for acting "The Mayden Quene," 20*li.*

To John Underwood, for mending the engine, 1*li.* 11*s.*

To Jonas Mortimer, for mending the pump in Hare's Court, 11*s.*

To Francis Smith, for Ragstone, 2*li.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

To Daniel Ireland, the glazier, for work done in the Temple round, 1*li.* 6*s.*

To Thomas Porter, the bricklayer, for work done about the Temple church 2*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

To the same, for work done in the Inner Temple hall, 7*s.*

To John Playford, the clerk, for necessaries in the church, 3*li.* 1*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of receipts, 583*li.* 16*s.* 8*d.*

Sum total of disbursements, 605*li.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

So rest in apparels, 21*li.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

Receipts by Richard Fifield, chief butler, from 8 November, 1668, to 7 November, 1669.

Of Rosse, being chosen one of the stewards for the drinking supper in Milton's reading, 7*li.* 10*s.*

Disbursements by Richard Fifield, chief butler, for the same time.

To labourers, for carrying rubbish, and clearing the passage at the end of the wall that comes from the King's Bench Buildings, 3*li.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

To the collier, for coals, spent in the time of Anthony Smith, steward, 10*li.*

To Dr. Ball and Dr. Stillingfleet, as in former accounts.

To Hockett, for reading prayers for a quarter, at Christmas, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Parry, the musician, for 5 Nov., and his yearly fee, 4*li.*

Gave Mrs. Roe, the seaman's widow, "that hope to putt out the fire at the end of the hall," 2*li.*

To Morice, for reading prayers for a quarter, at Lady Day, 3*li.* 15*s.*

For a load of faggots, for a bonfire on 23rd April, 1669, 11*s.* 8*d.*

To Petitt, by order of the bench table, 20*li.*

To Rawlins, for reading prayers for a quarter ended at Midsummer, 3*li.* 15*s.*, and the like amount for Michaelmas quarter.

To John Smith, the cook, for a supper for the gentlemen that attended at the Council Table, 3*li.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

To the treasurer, for Sir Richard Hopkins, Serjeant Goodfellow, and Serjeant Baldwin, 15*li.*

For three purses, 3*s.*

To the woodmonger, for faggots for bonfires, 3*li.*

For staves and wands for All Saints Day, 2*s.* 4*d.*

Sum total of the receipts, 645*li.* 13*s.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 475*li.* 18*s.* 11*d.*

And so there remains, 170*li.* (*sic*).

MISCELLANEA.

1668-1669. Numerous depositions and other papers as to

pulling down the sword of the Lord Mayor of London, and insulting him by gentlemen of the Inner Temple, on 3 March, 1668-9.

The depositions are to the effect that on the arrival of the Lord Mayor and several of the aldermen to dine with the reader of the Inner Temple, they were compelled to retire from the tumult in the inn to Auditor Phillips' chamber. While there Sir John Nicholas came with a message from the King, and the Lord Mayor sent for the reader and some of the benchers to hear the King's message, when one of the fellows, by name Hodges (son of Mr. Hodges, late an Alderman of London), declared they would maintain the privileges of the House, and addressed the Lord Mayor as Mr. Mayor, and used him "slightly."

1668-9, March 21. Order for the attendance before the King in Council, of the recorder of London, and two or more of the aldermen, and of Hodges, Morgan, Pettus, Jeffries, Litleton, Shan, Wyn, and Bates, gentlemen of the Inner Temple.

1668-9, March 23. Letter from Thomas Wroth to William Petyt stating that "on Wednesday the 3rd current Mr. Reader, having a messenger sent him from the Lord Mayor (who had previous intelligence of the gentlemen's intentions) to acquaint him, that unless he might come as Lord Mayor he should not expect him. Being studious how to demean himself in so ticklish a case, he was advised to send some of the bar civilly to inform his Lordship of the students' fixed purpose to make claim that this society was *privilegiatus* and *extra jurisdictionem* of the city. Mr. Reader approved of Mr. George Jeffries and myself. Accordingly we went to Guildhall, where, finding the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen sitting (a stately object for a curious eye), Mr. Jeffries brake the ice, and after a complimental salute with the presentation of Mr. Reader's respects to his Lordship and the rest of his brethren, told him that Mr. Reader (understanding his Lordship did defer doing him and this House the honour as to dine with him upon the account of the dispute might arise about bearing up his sword) had sent us to advertise his Lordship that the gentlemen (being at present persuaded by former precedents his Lordship ought not to carry his sword erect within the boundaries of the society) were resolved to stand upon their privileges, but hoped his Lordship would not deny them that right, but grant them what justice his predecessors had done. Upon this we were desired to

withdraw (a motion I must acknowledge I thought improper, to say no more, to be made to persons who came to them upon such a message, but being somewhat to seek in City formalities we accordingly retired). After some short discourse amongst the cabal we were re-ushered in towards an answer, which amounted to this effect, viz.: That his Lordship took it as an high affront we should come so to accost him. Thereupon Mr. Jeffries replied that if he had any ways so expressed himself as that the manner savoured of disrespect towards his Lordship it was beyond his intentions and he was misunderstood, wherefore he craved leave to explain himself. Upon that he spake some words whose direct sense I cannot on the sudden recover, but as I then apprehended they sounded in nature of an apology. I seconded them with this caveat, by request that his Lordship would not let our actings reflect upon our particular persons since we came not on the students' but Mr. Reader's account. Mr. Jeffries added that both Mr. Reader and the whole House had so great a regard for the Lord Mayor of London, and especially towards his Lordship's peculiar person, that we came in testimony of that respect to acquaint his Lordship with the gentlemen's design, that he might not be surprised, and that if his Lordship would please to waive the debate and so far to comply with the gentlemen's humours as to dispense with that point of state, his Lordship should find all imaginable civility of treatment as large as any his predecessors had. Leaving them again to their consultations, some minutes being passed, we received this answer by the city mouth:—That his Lordship would not compound with hot-headed young men, and that he would not come at all. Whereupon we desired some of his brethren's presence; he told us it was an improper proposal, and they unanimously cried out one and all, perceiving his Lordship's backwardness. Mr. Jeffries told him that the society would take it as a great favour to enjoy his and his brethren's company and they were so sensible of the honour they should receive thereby as that possibly (which if I mistake not in a little time changed note into doubtless) Mr. Reader might so far prevail with the gentlemen as to persuade them not to desire or expect anything of reverting his Lordship's sword. This caused the last private debate which brought forth this vote, spoken by his Lordship himself: I bear the King's sword, London is my jurisdiction, and I shall bear it up throughout the City, I take the

Temple to be part thereof where my predecessors have borne it up, and that of late memory since the King's restoration. Hereupon I desired favour to interrupt his Lordship and offer as a particular instance to the contrary that the sword was turned down when his Lordship's brother, Mr. Turner, was reader of the Middle House. Sir John Lawrence stood up and told his Lordship that at that time he had the honour from the King to be entrusted with the sword now committed to his Lordship, and assured him there was no such thing, but he bore it upright all the way, his Lordship (if I mistake not) confirmed the same by his own knowledge. I turned my speech to one of the aldermen near me, and in a lower voice told him that I might mistake the precise example, but the thing was lately done I was very confident." The Lord Mayor insinuated somewhat derogatory to the Reader's candour and hospitality, and being the King's representative when we spoke to him we spoke to the King, and therefore we ought to use sober expressions. The Lord Mayor's final resolution was, "My service to your Reader, etc., and tell him I will come and dine with him, I will bear up my sword and see who dares take it down." I gave his Lordship many thanks and our errand was done.

1668-9, March 24. Order for the attendance before the council of Hodges.

1668-9, March. Numerous informations and depositions touching this matter whereby it appears that the Lord Mayor and aldermen were forced on arrival to retire into Auditor Phillips' chamber by reason of the opposition of the students to the sword being held upright. The Lord Mayor determined to return home, and upon entering the cloister the students would not permit him to go peaceably, but cried, "Down with the sword!" so that he was compelled to return to Mr. Phillips' chamber, where he was followed by the students shouting and crying, "A Hall! a Hall!" There are also depositions as to an alleged assault upon the City Marshal's man.

1669, April 7. Order at the council, after reading affidavits against Hodges, Wyn, and Mundy, the three principal actors in the disorders, that the declaration of the King's pleasure touching the matter be suspended till the rights and privileges of the Temple had been tried before the courts.

Abstracts from Stow's chronicle continued by Edmund Howes,

and from various deeds and charters as to the liberties and privileges of the Inner and Middle Temple.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Thomas Farrer chosen reader, and Peck, Croke and Lister, attendants.

Sir Nathaniel Powell, John Hoskins, William Genew, Timothy Burrell, Anthony Deane, Raphael Humfrey, Thomas Walker, Edward Kemp, Thomas Dandy, and Christopher Paul called to the bar, and John Phellipps called an associate to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 21 Charles II., A.D. 1669-70, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—John Fowke, Francis Pemberton, and James Garden.

Orlando Bridgeman called to the bar.

John Boynton, Thomas Carewe, Thomas Harris, Simon Degg, and Thomas Streete, lately called to the bench, and who neglected to come to the bench table, are fined 100 marks each.

Peck, Croke, Hampson, West, and Mosyer appointed a committee to view the ground for a new building to range in a line with Phelips' building.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1669-70, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, FRANCIS PHELIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

John Phelips called an associate to the bench.

John Dawling called to the bar, and John Cooke an associate to the bar.

Pecke, Croke, Powell, Hampson, and West, to consider of *visus*

in villa, how it may stand with former acts of parliament and the conveniency of this House, and to report.

Order that Sir John Sparrow, Sturmey, Butler, Shelbury, Saunders, Batt, and Bagnall, "all burnt interest persons," shall have liberty to build twenty feet southward of Phelips' building to range with the same, to be thirty-six feet in depth and sixty feet in front, with other stipulations as to time of completion, fines, etc.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 April, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, FRANCIS PHELIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, solicitor general, treasurer.

Richard Crooke chosen reader, and Farrer, Lister, and Powell, his attendants.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 May, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670, before SIR JOHN HEATH, FRANCIS PHELIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, attorney general, treasurer.

Special admission of Walter Norborne, son of Walter Norborne, formerly a bencher; and of William Mole, at the request of Farrer, in respect of his reading.

Order that 5*li.* be given to widow Wexton, dishwasher, upon her petition.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 June, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—John Harvey, Edward Ford, and Thomas Saunders.

Special admission of William Crofts, at the request of Mr. Justice Wyld, his grandfather; of Simon Degg, at the request of Sir Simon Degg, his father; and of Hugh Lister, at the request of Lister of the bench, his father.

Order that Cowper shall have liberty to nominate another life into his chamber, paying such fine as the parliament shall think fit.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 November, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

William Lister chosen reader, and Croke, Powell, and Hampson, his attendants.

Auditors :—Hampson, West, Buggin, and Shuter, for the steward's accounts; Pecke, Powell, Dering, and Richard Edwards for the treasurer's accounts.

Order that William Mynors be admitted to the place of chief butler.

Treasurer :—Sir Heneage Finch, continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 November, 1669.

Order that no reader of any of the Inns of Chancery belonging to this House shall present any names to the bench table to be discharged of their reading until within eight days of the end of every Michaelmas term.

BENCH TABLE held on 20 November, 1669.

Orders for the payment of all sums of money owing upon the rolls of Henry Chilton and Anthony Smith, late stewards; for Farrer and Powell to make inspection into all the bonds since Sir Heneage Finch was treasurer; that no gentleman be put out of commons but by one of the two ancient butlers; and that Peck, Hampson, and West consider the differences concerning the new building by Ram Alley.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 February, 1669-70.

Order that every gentleman who has a garret chamber in the new building by Ram Alley shall pay 55*li.*, or the participants to dispose of them, and the two ground chambers on both sides of the passage to pay 10*li.* less than the other ground chambers.

BENCH TABLE held on 27 April, 1670.

Upon reading certificates from Peter Mills, Richard Kirby, and Christopher Wren as to the foundations under Mr. Phellipps' Building, it is agreed that the foundation on the south end is a good one and that Sturmy, Shelbury, Batt, Sanders, Butler, and Bagnall shall agree with Sir John Sparrow and pay 100*li.* each towards the said building, or be excluded from any benefit in the same.

BENCH TABLE held on 30 April, 1670.

Order that in every term on the first and last Friday at nights, the first and last reader and the next in prospect to read, or in their absence the next above or below them, and the puisne bencher then in commons, do meet to consider of all orders of the House and to propose to the table what they conceive fit for the government of the House, and they are to be allowed 20*s.* a time out of the treasury for their entertainment. That the attorney employed to put in suit the bonds of the House do attend the same committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 17 May, 1670.

Orders that not more than 15*li.* be allowed to the long vacationers' commons and 20*li.* in the summer vacation; that in vacation times the gentlemen shall conform to the ancient settled commons of the House and not change the same into any other sort of meat.

Order that at no grand day shall there be allowed to the chief cook above 40*s.* for extraordinary cooks for his assistance.

Order that the last and next reader and puisne bencher for the time being shall attend and assist at the yearly taking of the accounts of the treasurer and steward of the House.

Order that weights and scales be provided at the charge of the House, for weighing all meat and bread brought in for the service of the House.

Order that the ancient order for casting into commons all members of the House that are *visus in villa* for every whole week of term, be renewed.

BENCH TABLE, held on 13 (*sic*) May, 1670.

Order for the payment of fines for chambers in the New Buildings, and for the nomination of lives to the same.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 8 November, 1669, to 7 November, 1670.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the King's players, for acting "The Little French Lawyer," 20*li.*

To William Mills, for candles burnt at the gate from Lady day to Michaelmas, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To John Playford, the clerk, upon the funeral of Mr. Polland, 1*li.* 19*s.*

"To Sergeant Baldwin and Sir Francis Duncumbes not attending him as one of his stewards at his reading," 18*li.*

To Francis Mowers, for three escutcheons for readers, set up in the library, 1*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

To Aldridge and Cresser, in part for building the new houses of office, 50*li.*

To the Duke's players for acting "Sir Martin Mar-all" on All Hallows' day in the Temple Hall, 20*li.*

Received in all, 463*li.*

Disbursed in all, 468*li.* 17*s.* 1*d.*

Allowed the treasurer, 4*li.*

So there remains in apparels, 9*li.* 17*s.* 1*d.*

DISBURSEMENTS by Richard Fyfield, chief butler, from 7 November, 1669, to 6 November, 1670.

To the master of the revels, by order of the bench, 8*li.*

To William Mills, porter, for watching on revelling nights, 1*li.* 2*s.*

Allowances to Dr. Ball, Dr. Stillingfleet, and Mr. Rawlins, as before.

To Starky, for his pains taken in sorting the books, 10*s.*

To Wardner, for tobacco and pipes, 2*s.*

To the master of the revels, 8*li.*

To Dr. Wren, surveyor general, by order of the bench, 5*li.*

To Drake, the upholsterer, for a curtain and for mending the leather carpet, 18*s.*

The total of receipts, 635*li.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

The total of disbursements, 316*li.* 1*s.* 5*d.*

So there remains, 319*li.* 8*s.* 3*d.*

Whereof 19*li.* 8*s.* 3*d.* is allowed the accountant for his long and faithful service to the society.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and SIR THOMAS FOSTER. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of Thomas Milton, eldest son of Milton of the bench, at the request of his father.

Order that Arthur Sparkes of the Middle Temple, be admitted one of the utter barristers of the society, and that he be of the same standing as he was in the other House.

John Peachey, Matthew Holbech, Thomas Langley, Henry Sayer, Jacob Trollop, John Blencoe, Edward Ward, and Daniel Witcherly (who is to be sworn at his time) called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670-1, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Thomas Henshaw, Thomas Frewen, and Anthony Farrington.

Richard Holloway, Francis Pemberton, and Sir William Poultney, called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1670-1, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of John Herbert, of Swansea, in the county of Glamorgan, at the request of Lord Chief Justice Vaughan, his grandfather.

Order that "William Petyt, exigenter for London, for his services done in asserting and defending the rights and privileges of the Temple, be called to the bar, and to be an utter barrister of this House, and to be sworn at his time."

Powell, Hampson, and West, are desired to meet on Wednes-

day night next, to treat with the principal and ancients of Lyon's Inn, concerning the erecting of a new building in the said House.

Order that the opening of the passage into White Friars be respited.

Order that all persons concerned in the chambers in the new buildings, built since the late dreadful fire of London, shall nominate their lives and pay their fines, or their chambers to be forfeited.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 May, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Richard Powell chosen reader, and Lister, Hampson, and West, his attendants.

The admissions made at the last reading of Theophilus, Earl of Huntingdon, Robert, Earl of Ailesbury, Thomas, Viscount Fauconberg, and Charles West, son of Lord Delawarr, are confirmed.

The petition of the treasurer and fellows of Lyon's Inn, setting out that the said society (being a very ancient society) for many years last past has been and still is much straitened, not only in buildings and chambers to entertain the fellows, but also in ground whereon to build, for supply whereof the petitioners' predecessors, being owners of five tenements belonging to Lyon's Inn, were pleased by an act of their parliament made in 35 Elizabeth, to unite to their ancient House, two of the said five tenements, which were shortly after taken in and built upon for the enlargement of their House; and the three other tenements were afterwards purchased by the petitioners' predecessors, the conveyance thereof being taken to feoffees in trust for the benefit of the society. And the ancient chambers of the House (being very bad and inconvenient, either for students or practisers) many of the fellows are necessitated to take lodgings abroad, whereby they keep themselves out of commons, and the public exercises of the House are not attended as they ought to be.

For the remedy whereof the treasurer and ancients of the said society have resolved on a course for new buildings within the confines of the ancient House, which, as by a "platform" thereof

showed to a committee of the bench, will extend to the street on both sides, and now only inclosed with dead walls, but not having a stock for building they are enforced to set out the ground for a term to some members of the society, that will undertake the building if they may have liberty to convert the ground rooms towards each street into shops, which after the end of such term will turn to the sole benefit of the society. And although the whole building intended is to be on the ancient ground of the House, whereon the petitioners humbly conceive they may build for chambers, yet in regard of the converting of the ground rooms towards the street into shops, they think it a duty not to proceed to any such contract for building without application for the concurrence of the benchers of the Inner Temple therein.

Upon consideration of their said petition, and reference to the plot or map tendered by them, whereby the place appears to be at the east end of the ground of the same House, and to be built on from north to south, it is ordered that they may make three such rooms into shops northward and as many southward for twenty-one years, so that there be no doors nor passage from such shops into the House of Lyon's Inn. And the said plot to be kept amongst the records of the Inner Temple.

Order that Charles Holloway, Hampson, and Richard Holloway be a committee to confer with the masters of the bench of the Middle Temple, concerning the building of one Smith upon the walls of the house of Dr. Ball, to the weakening and endangering of his dwelling and stopping up of his lights.

Letter from the Earl of Essex to Sir Heneage Finch:—"Sir, the term now drawing on and consequently the meeting of the parliament of the Inner Temple, I presume to remind you and the rest of the worthy gentlemen who are the benchers of that society, of my last request and your very kind promises, and desire that you will at your next meeting, direct the opening the gate into Whitefriars. And whereas you were apprehensive that myself, or such as shall claim under me, may pretend as of right to a gate there, I do hereby declare that I do neither pretend to it nor desire it as a right, but as a favour from the House, and shall ever be ready to acknowledge it as such."

Order upon the above letter that the passage between the new

buildings called King's Bench Building, and the new buildings joining to the same, formerly called Stapleton's Buildings, be forthwith opened, and that such door or doors be fitted with locks, and be shut and opened at such times as this society shall think fit.

Whereas Richard Roberts, panierman of this society, has lately by consent of the bench built two shops in Tanfield Court, he requests that a term may be granted to him in the said shops. It is therefore ordered that he, his executors, and assigns may hold the same shops for thirty-one years.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 June, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, EDWARD PECK, THOMAS FARRER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order that Powell, Hampson, West, Mowsier, and Charles Holloway, or three of them, be a committee to consider the proposals for a new building at the south of Sir John Sparrow's building towards the Thames.

Order for the abatement of the fine of Baynes for admittance to a chamber.

Order for the nominating of lives in the new buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 June, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, before Sir JOHN HEATH, attorney of the Duchy, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, WILLIAM LISTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—John Boynton, Samuel Bond, and John Alston.

Special admission of Christopher Wandesford, at the request of Serjeant Baldwin.

"This parliament having taken notice of the notorious disorders for divers nights lately past, committed in Fleet Street near the same society, by divers disorderly and unknown persons in actual breach of his Majesty's peace, by assaults insolently, with great violence made upon the watchmen there attending their duty according to the laws of the land and customs and orders of the city of London, and that in open contempt and defiance of the good and laudable govern-

ment of the same city and with great rudeness and incivility to the very person of the right honourable the Lord Mayor thereof in the actual exercise of his lawful authority; for the suppression of the same disorders, some of which misdoers having escaped the pursuit of the watch, have, by and upon the pretence of being fellows of the society, obtained entrance (as is reported) at the gates of this House at unseasonable times of the night, abusing the same House for a refuge from justice, to the dishonour of this society and reproach to the discipline thereof." It is therefore declared that this society will use all possible care and diligence for the discovering of the same offenders and for bringing them to condign punishment, and it is commanded to every officer and servant to make strict inquiry for the same offenders, and as soon as they shall discover their names to give information thereof to the attorney-general, treasurer of the society, that they may be proceeded against. And if any fellow shall assault any watchman of the city of London or disturb or resist them in doing their duty, such fellow shall be *ipso facto* expelled. That the gates of the House shall be every night fast locked and bolted before eleven o'clock and in no case opened again before four o'clock next morning. And if any fellow attempt to force open the gates of this House or assault, menace, or abuse any servant for doing his duty in keeping the gates fast, such fellow shall be *ipso facto* expelled.

Licence to Richard Fifeild, formerly chief butler of this society, to dispose of his chambers in the Inner Temple Lane.

Licence to the treasurer and fellows of Lyon's Inn to convert the ground rooms of their proposed new buildings lying northward and southward towards the respective streets, into shops, so that there be no door or passage immediately out of or through such shops into Lyon's Inn. Saving to this society and the trustees for the same the several rents heretofore due from the society of Lyon's Inn or their trustees to this society or the trustees of the same.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 July, 1671, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admissions of Christopher Goodfellow, son of Serjeant Goodfellow, formerly a bencher, at the request of his father, and of Oxenbridge Harward, at the request of Richard Coke.

Stephen Primatt having admitted himself to Gray's Inn without the leave of this society and being called to the bar there, returned into commons in this House, and denied to pay his duties, for which being sent to the bench table, he refused to come unless he might sit at the bar table. It is therefore ordered that he be expelled from the society.

Order that Lucas' chamber be seized and Almery, who lodges there, have a fortnight to move his papers.

Giles Duncombe, William Peck, Thomas Littleton, Samuel Trottman, Richard Andrews, Peter Shepheard, John Baynes, Robert Wynn, John Shann, Robert Browne, John Powell, and Robert Fagg called to the bar. Littleton, Trottman, Browne, and Shann to be sworn as of this term, and the rest when they have received the sacrament.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 October, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Auditors:—West, Mowsyer, Buggin, and Cure, for the steward's accounts; and Powell, Crooke, Richard Edwards, and Thomas Edwards, for the treasurer's accounts.

Robert Hampson chosen reader.

Treasurer:—Sir Heneage Finch, continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 25 November, 1670.

Order that Farrer, Croke, Powell, Hampson, and Holloway consider of the setting up of all the readers' coats of arms in the library and to treat with a herald painter about it.

Farrer, West, Mowsier, and Holloway to consider of the differences among the workmen at the building near Ram Alley.

Bench Table held on 10 February, 1670-1.

Whereas the treasurer and ancients of Lyon's Inn desire to erect a new building in Lyon's Inn upon waste ground there, the matter, as to viewing the ground and the title of the said treasurer and ancients, is referred to Powell, Hampson, and West.

Order for keys to be made and locks fixed to all the doors, except two, belonging to this House, because of the great resort of foreigners and strangers to the necessary houses of this House.

At a committee held on 10 February, Powell, West, and Holloway being present, it was ordered that Ayliffe should not dispose of his garret chamber till he had paid Cressett (*sic*), the carpenter.

Upon the showing of some coats of arms of the readers' which were blazoned by Waker, painter and herald, and adjudged by the committee to be reasonably done, it was ordered that he paint the same to be fixed in the library, at 3*s.* an escutcheon, and 5*s.* to be allowed for every new reader.

Whereas the House has been at a considerable charge in roasting and dressing the provisions and commons of the House with charcoal, it is ordered that the old range, wherein charcoal is burnt, shall stand, and a new one over against it on the other side of the kitchen shall be made with irons for the burning of sea coals, and the great pot to be fixed in brick "copper wise" for sea coal.

Order that the steward bring in his flesh by five or six o'clock at night or at six in the morning, and the fish by ten in the morning.

Order that Richard Parringdon be second cook in the room of

Ralph Bancroft, and the said Ralph to succeed Turnespitt in the room of the said Richard.

Order that a gauge be bought for measuring casks of beer.

Bench Table held on 14 May, 1671.

Order that the chief butler affix to the screen an order for all gentlemen to pay for their commons in arrear.

Order that Stephen Cresser, the carpenter, view the remaining part of the gate belonging to the arch near the water side, and report.

Bench Table held on 15 May, 1671.

Order for Charles and Richard Holloway to view the building of Smith adjoining the house of Dr. Ball, and to report what prejudice is done to his house thereby.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 6 November, 22 Charles II., A.D. 1670, to 29 October, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671.

Receipts.

From Edward Peck, being a present to the society for dispensing with his reading, 200*li.*

Disbursements.

To the King's players, for acting a play called "The Committee" on Candlemas day last, 20*li.*

To Stephen Cresser, for scaffolding of the hall for entertainment of the Court, 15*li.*

To Thornhill, for painters' work done in the garden, 19*s.*

To Richard Roberts, for wine for the bench for Hilary term, 19*li.* 16*s.* 6*d.*

To John Playford, for necessaries for the church, 6*li.* 17*s.*

To two labourers, for the Inner Temple share, for removing rubbish in the north churchyard, 4*s.* 6*d.*

To Richard Powell, for three stewards of the bar who should have attended him at his reading, 60*li.*

To Richard Roberts, for the use of the King's players, for acting a play in the Hall, on All Saints day last, 20*li.*

To the Middle Temple plumber, for the Inner Temple part for work done to the waterman's shed, 1*li.* 15*s.*

To John Edge, for the Inner Temple's part of work done on the rounds, 15*s.* 6*d.*

To Samuel Waker, the arms painter, 28*li.* 7*s.*

Disbursed in all, 1015*li.* 7*s.* 11*d.*

Received in all, 997*li.*

Remains in apparels, 18*li.* 7*s.* 11*d.*

Allowed to the treasurer's man, 4*li.*

And so there remains in apparels, 22*li.* 7*s.* 11*d.*

Account of William Minors, chief butler, from 6 November, 1670, to 29 October, 1671.

Receipts.

From Tomlinson, for a year's rent for his shop in the Inner Temple Gate, 2*li.*

From Williams, for a year's rent of two shops in Tanfield Court, 6*li.*

From George Warner, for the rent of his shop and chamber in the churchyard, 6*s.*

From William Mill, for a year's rent of two shops, 5*s.*

From the turnspits, for a shop, 4*d.*

Disbursements.

To John Rawlings, for reading prayers for a quarter ending at Christmas, 1670, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Dr. Ball, for a quarter ending then, 25*li.*

To Dr. Stillingfleete, for the same quarter, 20*li.*

Like payments to the same three persons at the quarters ending Lady day, Midsummer, and Michaelmas, 1671.

To twelve men, for watching and keeping the hall doors, 1*li.* 4*s.*

To three men, for watching the breaches of Whitefriars wall and the River of Thames, 6*s.*

To six men more, that watched at the hall doors, 12*s.*

To three men more that watched at Whitefriars breach and the Thames Wall, 6*s.*

To Mr. Child's servant, who brought the basin and ewer from Mr. Allen, 2*li.*

For paving and tiling the passage into the hall, 4*s.*

To the musicians on Candlemas day, 2*li.*

To the porters who brought the branches at the grand day of revels, 4*s.*

For horse hire into the country to Mr. Fields for several bonds, 1*li.*

To the joiner, for bringing and setting up the reader's arms, 10*s.*

For a new press, for the bonds and writings of the House, 1*li.* 15*s.*

For weighing and engraving the House plate, 7*s.*

For a statute book and standish, 2*li.* 15*s.*

To Richard Roberts, for wine on the King's coronation day, 1*li.* 9*s.*

For four gallons of Lambeth ale, 4*s.*

For torches upon the search at night, 2*s.*

For coach hire, attending Sir Simon Degg to Gray's Inn concerning Primate, 2*s.*

To Watts, for the fee farm rent, 10*li.*

To Holland, for plate and linen the last grand day, 2*li.* 10*s.*

To Williams, for the admittance book and the buttery book, 1*li.*

For coach hire when the judges were invited, 2*s.*

To Playford, for binding the Grace Book and for paper and ink, 16*s.*

For a stamp for glass bottles, 6*s.*

For twelve dozen of glass bottles, 3*li.*

For the arrest of Mr. Foord, and for the writ and warrant and other charges, 2*li.*

For staves, tobacco, and pipes, the three last grand days, 8*s.* 6*d.*

To the men who kept the hall doors the last grand day, 8*s.*

For coach hire inviting the judges, 3*s.*

Sum of the receipts, 293*li.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

Sum of the disbursements, 309*li.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

Allowed the butler, for the collection of the fines for the chambers, 5*li.*

So there remains in apparels, 21*li.* 1*s.* 2*d.*

Signed, 16 February, 1671[-2].

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 November, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Sir John Trevor is at his request discharged from being master of the revels.

Powell, Hampson, and West of the bench are appointed a committee to treat and consider with the committee of the other House concerning the title of the soil of both Houses, also to inquire where the interest is vested and to make their report.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 November, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Powell, West, and Mowsier chosen attendants on the reader.

Order that the workmen of this House shall meet with the workmen of the other House to view the damages done to the building of Dr. Ball by one Smith, a herald painter, by building upon the wall thereof.

Hopton Shuter chosen an auditor of the treasurer's accounts in the room of Thomas Edwards, deceased.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 January, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671-2, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD THURLAND, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Sir Francis Roll, Bart., Samuel Mellish, and William Wollaston.

Order that if Sir John Sparrowe, who by act of parliament of 11 February, 1669-70, commenced to erect a certain building at the lower end of King's Bench Building, shall not repay to Thomas Robinson, one of the masters of the bench, the 800*li.* and other moneys borrowed from him, by next parliament, the said Thomas Robinson shall enjoy the said ground and buildings.

Licence to Humphrey Wirley[1] to build a ground room about 12ft. by 13ft., and cover it with lead on the waste piece of ground adjoining Serjeant's Inn and the Alienation Office garden.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 February, 24 Charles II., A.D. 1671-2, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Special admission of Wright Croke, at the request of his father, Richard Croke.

Time given to Sir John Sparrow till Saturday in Whitsun week to repay Thomas Robinson the money lent on security of the buildings lately erected on the south end of Mr. Francis Phelipps' Buildings and towards the River of Thames.

Order that Robert Hampson, a bencher, shall build two staircases of 46ft. each in front, and 36ft. in depth, from the end of Sir John Sparrow's Buildings towards the waterside, for which he shall have two lives and an assignment to the said chambers, paying the fines of the new built chamber at or before the end of Hilary term, 1674, or sooner, and paying the sum of 150*li.* to the House at or before the last parliament in Hilary term next. He shall also have the ground between the said building and the wall next to Whitefriars and build two staircases more to the water side the year following, in case he shall have sold the greatest part of these and the House think fit to have more upon the terms above mentioned. And with regard to the second building, the said Hampson shall remove the houses of office at his own charges. It is further ordered that Powell, Mosier, and Sir Simon Digg shall be appointed a committee to prepare an act of parliament for this purpose.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 May, 24 Charles II., A.D. 1672, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Edward West chosen reader.

Hopton Shuter and William Dolben called to the bench.

[1] In the margin this name is spelt Worley.

Henry Henn disbenched and fined 150*li.* for refusing to take the office of reader.

Special admission of Richard Ingoldsby, son of Sir Richard Ingoldsby, and grandson of Mr. Justice Croke, at the request of Robert Hampson.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 June, 24 Charles II., A.D. 1672, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, RICHARD CROKE, RICHARD POWELL and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Order as to Sir John Sparrow's buildings, in which are recited the acts of 11 February, 1669-70, and 23 January and 15 February, 1671-2. And whereas Sir John Sparrowe failed in the payment of the money due to Robinson and the said building, containing one staircase, wherein were six chambers, two garrets, and two cellars, were finished at the charge of the said Robinson, it is ordered that the said Robinson shall have the said ground and all the buildings, chambers, and premises thereon erected, under the same conditions as Sir John Sparrowe, saving that the said Robinson shall have time till Trinity Term next to nominate two lives to each of the chambers.

An agreement made between the treasurer and masters of the bench of the Inner Temple and Robert Hampson, one of the benchers and the late reader of the same society, dated 15 February, 1671-2. First, that Robert Hampson shall build before the end of Hilary Term two staircases consisting of eight chambers, each containing 46ft. in length and 36ft. in depth, at the lower end of the building lately erected by Sir John Sparrowe running southward towards the waterside, to be four storeys in height, each chamber in each storey respectively to be as high as the chambers in the said Sir John Sparrowe's building. That the said Robert Hampson shall have the use of landing places by the gardener's house for landing materials. That the treasurer and masters of the bench do, as far as lawfully they may in parliament, grant to the said Robert Hampson the said place containing 92 ft. in length from north to south and 36 ft. in depth from east to west, to begin from and adjoining to the said Sir John Sparrowe's building, together with the ground between the said two intended staircases and the brick wall

next adjoining to Whitefriars, to hold the same for three lives. Then follow the usual rules as to the nomination of lives to the same chambers. Covenant by the said Robert Hampson to pay to the treasurer of the society the sum of 150*li.*

Upon information that the three other Inns of Court have put off their readings this summer vacation, and there being no precedent known that ever any one of the Inns of Court did keep a reading without some one at the least of the other Inns of Court, it is ordered that the reading be put off for this summer vacation, and that Edmund West, reader elect, be excused *pro hac vice.*

Order that Thomas Robinson shall have the void plot of land between the building erected by Sir John Sparrowe and the brick wall next adjoining to Whitefriars for the like term and interest as he has in the said building.

Special admission of Richard Cooke, son of William Cooke, at the request of Richard Powell.

Order that every fellow now in commons and owing dues, shall pay his dues before he goes out of commons. And no butler to put any such out of commons until he pay the same.

Order that every fellow who is in arrear for vacations before Francis Phelip's reading, shall have liberty to compound for the same for one moiety of the money due for the said vacation, so as the said moiety be paid by the first parliament in Michaelmas term.

Order that any fellow who shall stand indebted upon the butler's rolls of pensions, preacher's duties, vacations, and amercements, and shall not by the first parliament in Michaelmas Term discharge the same, shall for his default, if he be in commons, be put *extra per mandatum*, and if he be not in commons and have a chamber, then his chamber to be seized, and, if he have no chamber, then he, his pledges or sureties to be put in suit.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 1672, before SIR EDWARD THURLAND, EDWARD PECKE, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Admittance of Henry Parker to chambers.

Parliament held on 3 November, 24 Charles II., A.D. 1672, before Sir Edward Thurland, Sir Thomas Foster, Edward Pecke, and others. Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer.

Auditors: — Mosyer, Charles Holloway, Cure, and John Gardiner, for the steward's accounts; and Powell, Hampson, Deering, and Buckby, for the treasurer's accounts.

Edmund West chosen reader, and Hampson, Mosyer, and Charles Holloway, his attendants.

Treasurer :—Sir Heneage Finch continued.

Special admission of Charles Croke, son of Richard Croke, at the request of his father.

Mr. Woodrofe chosen lecturer to this society in the room of Dr. Stillingfleete, and he shall have the same allowance of four score pounds as was paid to his predecessor, Dr. Stillingfleet.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 18 November, 1671.

Order that the proposition of Robert Hampson to build from Sir John Sparrowe's building to the river of Thames, be presented at the next parliament to be confirmed.

Bench Table held on 13 February, 1671-2.

Order for the collection of moneys in arrear upon the steward's rolls.

Bench Table held on 14 February, 1671-2.

Appointment of William Clarke, the former steward's servant, as puisne butler.

Bench Table held on 15 February, 1671-2.

Order that Powell, Hampson, West, Mowsier, Charles Holloway, and Sir Simon Degg, of the bench, and Shuter, Dolben, Ward,

Blincoe and Humphrey, of the bar, be a committee to consider the former orders for regulating the buttery, in order to bring down the rates of commons and for the payment of the duties of vacations, amercements, pensions, preachers, and other duties.

Order that the persons mentioned in a paper offered to the table by Powell, who were behind in their proportions of their charges of the building between the Exchequer office and Ram Alley, in pursuance of an order of the bench table made on 8 February, 1669 [-70], shall attend this board.

Bench Table held on 5 February[1].

Francis Vaughan, one of the ancients of the bar, having requested an abatement of his charges upon the rolls of pensions, vacations, preachers' duties, and amercements, and it being considered he was two years a reader in the Inns of Chancery, in which years he was amerced for failure of exercise, his duties were remitted to 15*li.*

The differences between Powell and Sir John Trevor as to the prices of chambers in the half staircase at the east end of the new building in the Inner Temple, near Ram Alley, are referred to Hampton and Shuter.

Bench Table held on 17 June, 1672.

Order that the petition of Anthony Smith, the late steward, be referred to the last committee, and William Pecke, the second butler, do attend with the rolls.

[1] This entry is out of place in the original MS.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 29 October, 23 Charles II., A.D. 1671, to 3 November, 24 Charles II., A.D. 1672.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Daniel Ireland, the Middle Temple glazier, for work done in the church and Powell's chamber, 1*li.* 7*s.*

To Anne Crosse for nursing foundlings.

To the King's players, for acting "Philaster" in the Temple Hall on 1 Nov., 20*li.*

Total of disbursements, 607*li.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

Total of receipts, 360*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Remains in apparels, 247*li.* 6*s.* 5*d.*

ACCOUNT of William Minors, chief butler, for the same period.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Payments to Dr. Ball, Dr. Stillingfleete, and John Rawlins, as in last account.

To the "musiconers" for their yearly fee, 4*li.*

To Buggins, master of the revels, 2*li.*

To Richard Roberts, for wine for the revels, 4*li.*

To Warner, master of the revels, 4*li.*

For coach hire when the judges were invited on Candlemas day, 2*s.*

For writing 10 paper books, by order of the bench, 3*li.*

To two porters, for carrying the books to Serjeants' Inn, 4*s.*

To the porter of Serjeants' Inn, for the use of their hall, 10*s.*

To Sir Edward Thurland, when he went out serjeant, 10*li.*

To Hudson, for faggots for two years' bonfires, 5*li.*

To old Oxford at several times in his sickness, by order of the bench, 2*li.* 10*s.*

For "subpenainge" the witnesses at Dr. Ball's trial, 10*s.*

To a messenger for going into the country to summon Collins at that trial, 12*s.*

For tobacco, wands, and porters at the three grand days, 1*li.*

To Dormer, the painter, 4*li.*

For six coats of the last reader's arms, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To Mr. Picke, for chimney money, 1*li.* 16*s.*

Total of the receipts, 362*li.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

Total of disbursements, 350*li.* 17*s.* $5\frac{1}{4}$*d.*

So remains in emendels, 11*li.* 13*s.* $2\frac{3}{4}$*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1672-3, before SIR JOHN HEATH, FRANCIS PHELIPS, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Henry Birkett, Anthony Kecke, and John Machell.

Special admission of Francis Phelips, eldest son of Francis Phelips, at the request of his father.

Order that, for the future, benchers as well as others shall be cast into commons every term for their chambers, two weeks, whereof the grand week to be one; and that the chambers of benchers, as well as others, shall be liable to be seized for suffering strangers and bankrupts to lodge in them. The admittance also of unfitting persons into this society should be examined and reformed.

Order that all bonds of 200*li.* entered into by any fellows shall and may be given up on their paying all duties and entering into a new bond of 100*li.*, if they have no chambers, and 50*li.* if they have a chamber. And for the future the like rules to be observed as to bonds.

Order that a committee of two of the bench, two of the bar, and two under the bar, be appointed to consider how the commons may be reduced and the payment of pensions, vacations, and other duties be made.

Lumley Robinson, Edward Peck, Joseph Girdler, Samuel Loddington, Edwin Baldwyn, Robert Davy, Francis Berkly, Eustacius Budgell, John Hales, Thomas Tutt, John Acourt, Thomas Harris, William Perkins, Thomas Lister, Robert Abbot, Edward Jex, Thomas Gibbons, Francis Twisden, Berkly Hanson, Gilbert Aspenwall, and Edward Capell called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 April, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, FRANCIS PHELIPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

John Mosyer chosen reader.

Special admission of Thomas Etherington, at the request of Etherington of the bench, his father; and of Matthew Lister, at the request of the said Etherington.

The following admissions made in the last reading of Edmund West were confirmed:—William, Earl of Craven, John, Viscount Brackley, Sir William Egerton, knight of the Bath, Thomas Egerton, Charles Egerton and Stuart Egerton, sons of the Earl of Bridgewater, Sir George Croke, Sir Richard Ingoldsby, knight of the Bath, and Broome Whorwood.

Edward Clarke called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 May, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, before FRANCIS PHELIPS, EDWARD PECKE, THOMAS FARRER, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

West, Charles Holloway, and Sir Simon Degg chosen attendants on the reader.

Special admission of Owen Norton, eldest son of Brett Norton, of Sherrington in the county of Bucks, at the request of West of the bench.

Further time granted to Thomas Robinson to nominate lives to his new building.

An account of the chambers disposed of by Hampson, giving the names of their occupiers.

Sir John Trevor, Richard Edwards, and John Simpson called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, FRANCIS PHELIPS, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Sir Thomas Carew, Sir Robert Jenkinson, and John Curzon.

Order that Charles Whittacre,[1] lately admitted a member of the society of Gray's Inn, be admitted one of the utter barristers of this society, and be of the same standing of the bar that he was of in the said House, giving the usual bond to the treasurer.

Order that Powell, Hampson, Richard Holloway, Shuter, and Dolben shall examine what duties are owing from members of the society, and to consider what compositions are fit to be made for the same, and to report to the bench table.

Licence to the treasurer and fellows of the society of Lyon's Inn to build upon a void plot of ground adjoining the new buildings towards Wich Street, between the new buildings and the old buildings westward, and to pull down one ground chamber with a chamber over the old building.

[1] Marginal note that he was called to the bar of Gray's Inn on 25 Nov., 1668.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 October, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, FRANCIS PHELIPPS, and others. SIR HENEAGE FINCH, treasurer.

Auditors :—Mosier, Charles Holloway, Cure, and Blomley, for the steward's accounts; and Hampson, West, Heath, and Buckby, for the treasurer's accounts.

Treasurer :—Sir John Heath, attorney general of the Duchy.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 June, 1673.

"Ordered at the bench table that Kenricke Eyton, third butler, William Clarke, fourth butler, and Ralph Sumner, puisne butler, do by the beginning of Michaelmas term next write a court hand and also know the ancient and accustomed way of casting up accounts by counters. And if they shall be careless and negligent in attaining thereto then every such butler, so ignorant, shall then lose his place and be made incapable of serving the House as butler."

BENCH TABLE held on 18 June, 1673.

Order "upon the report of the masters of the bench appointed by the table to meet with two of the masters of the Middle House, that Mr. Farrer be desired with the butler to wait upon Mr. Treasurer of this House to acquaint him that whereas the Middle House have appointed their treasurer and Mr. Northey to treat for the purchase of the fee farm of their House, that Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Farrer be desired to treat for the fee farm belonging to this House."

Order that Edward Pecke, Robert Hampson, Charles Holloway, and William Dolben of the bench, be a committee to settle the differences between Sir Erasmus Harbey, Dickinson, and Oxenbridge Harwood touching the chamber of Sir Erasmus Harbey and moneys lent by Dickinson.

Sir Godfrey Kneller pin.

Heneage Finch, Earl of Nottingham
Treasurer E. I. 1661-72.
Lord Chancellor 1673-82.
From the original in the Inner Temple.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir Heneage Finch, treasurer, from 3 November, 24 Charles II., A.D. 1672, to 26 October, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673.

RECEIPTS.

From Hampson for a fine for leave to build two staircases near the water side, below Sir John Sparrow's building, 150*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Edward West for two stewards that did not attend at the reading, 40*li.*

To Ralph Bancroft's wife to bury her husband, who died a servant to the society, 2*li.*

Total disbursements, 520*li.* 7*s.* 7*d.*

Total receipts, 532*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Remains in emendels, 12*li.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

ACCOUNT of William Minors, chief butler, from 3 November, 1672, to 3 November, 1673.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Payments to Dr. Ball, Dr. Woodroffe (in the place of Dr. Stillingfleete) and John Rawlins, as before.

For the reader's coat of arms, 5*s.*

To the master of the revels for the grand day at night, 4*li.*

Sum total of receipts, 313*li.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Sum total of disbursements, 253*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

In the accountant's hands, 60*li.* 2*s.* 8*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, before SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, THOMAS FARRER, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Charles Holloway chosen reader and Mosyer, Sir Simon Degg, and Richard Holloway, his attendants.

Special admissions of Richard Blondell, son of John Blundell (*sic*) of Tiverton, in the county of Devon, at the request of his kinsman, Mosyer of the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 November, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, before SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, THOMAS FARRER, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Croke, Powell, Hampson, West, Mosyer, Dalben (*sic*), Shuter,

and Auditor Phelipps, of the bench, and Buckby, Heath, Ward, Lane, Blomley, Foster, and Kemp, of the bar, shall ascertain all arrears of this House, and clear the treasurer's and butler's accounts.

Heneage Finch, William Finch, Abraham Jacob, Edward Hildyerd, Thomas Tayler, Samuel Carter, John Fortescue, John Garbrand, Edward Jennings, Richard Osborne, John Elsom, Matthew Loveday, Thomas Hanmer, John Sampson, Ralph Hough, Henry Deeringe, Charles Vaughan, Michael Newnam, Robert Clayton, John Leigh, William Pyers, and Nathaniel Bladen, called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 February, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673-4, before FRANCIS PHILLIPS, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Samuel Ash, William Alston, son of Sir Edward Alston, and Richard Hopton.

Whereas "John Peachey, an utter barrister of this House, has been lately expelled from this society for several misdemeanours by him, together with others, committed the last summer vacation, in spending 150*li.* in commons, or thereabouts, of the House's stock and treasure, contrary to an act of parliament and express order of the bench table, and also for presuming to make an order or declaration that the bench table have no power to make any order to bind the vacation barristers and students, and that they have the sole power to govern this society in vacation times, and caused the said order and declaration to be entered in the Buttery Book, all which tends to the manifest destruction of the government of this society, and therefore deserved the most severe punishment, but forasmuch as the said Mr. Peachey hath visited each particular bencher, and made his humble address unto them at the bench table, and prayed to be restored." It is ordered that he be re-admitted and restored to the fellowship of this society.

Order that the porter shall take care that there be no beggars suffered to be within the precincts of this House.

Order that Buggins be desired to attend to-morrow as master of the revels.

Order that it be referred to the bench table to consider of the annoyances of the dirt and filth falling into this House from Mitre Court and of other nuisances there.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1673-4, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, EDWARD PECKE, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Order that every member in arrear for vacations, before the reading of Francis Phelipps, shall have liberty to compound for the same for one moiety, so that the said moiety and all duties for pensions, preacher's duties, and amercements be paid before Ascension Day.

Order that vacation barristers who should have served their vacations in the time of the late great sickness, and were to serve other vacations in lieu of the same, shall be abated two vacations upon paying all other duties before Ascension Day.

Order that if any member be indebted upon any of the steward's rolls for commons or upon any of the butler's rolls for pensions, preacher's duties, vacations, and amercements, and shall not three days before the last parliament in Easter term next, discharge his duties upon such rolls, he shall be suspended from commons, if he be in commons, and if he be not in commons his chamber to be seized, and if he have no chamber then his pledges to be put in suit.

Order that such fellows as have had orders for admissions to chambers and who shall not pay their fines before the first parliament of Easter term next, shall utterly lose their said admissions.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 May, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, EDWARD PECKE, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, attorney of the Duchy, treasurer.

Sir Simon Degg chosen reader, and the butler to give him notice thereof.

The confirmation of the admissions made by the last reader, Charles Holloway:—The Earl of Arlington, the Earl of Burlington,

Lord Clifford, the Bishop of Rochester, the Bishop of Oxford, Lord Byron, Lord Lucas, and Sir Robert Holt.

Order that no advantage be taken of the admittances of Hampson and West into bench chambers, till they shall dispose of their own chambers.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 May, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, RICHARD CROKE, RICHARD POWELL, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Charles Holloway, Richard Holloway, and Francis Pemberton are chosen attendants on the reader.

Special admission of Thomas Dickins of London, at the request of Charles Holloway.

Order that those gentlemen who have neglected to pay their duties in arrear upon the rolls of the House, shall pay the same upon demand before the first day of next term, and upon their refusal, their chambers to be padlocked or their bonds to be put in suit.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 June, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, knight, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—John Wilson, Arthur Barnardiston, and Henry Kempe.

Order that Robinson shall have time to nominate lives to his new buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 July, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, knight, RICHARD ETHERINGTON, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Order that all fellows indebted for vacations before the reading of Francis Phelipps are discharged from the payment of all sums due for not keeping their respective vacations.

Powell, Hampson, West, Mosyer, Shuter, Dolben, and Edwards, masters of the bench, are desired to be a committee to consider of all debts left owing by the last treasurer, and to consider of all bills of workmen paid by the chief butler.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 October, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN HEATH, treasurer.

Auditors:—Charles Holloway, Richard Holloway, of the bench, and Courtney and Ward, of the bar, for the steward's accounts; and Edmund West, William Dolben, of the bench, and John Peachey and Thomas Hanmer, of the bar, for the treasurer's accounts.

Sir Simon Degg was excused from any penalty for failing to read the last summer vacation, in compliance with his Majesty's desire expressed in his letter.

Treasurer:—Sir John Trevor, one of his Majesty's counsel at law.

Sir Simon Degg chosen reader for the Lent vacation, whereof the chief butler is to give him speedy notice that his answer may be had before the next parliament.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on Friday, 28 November, 1673.

Licence to Charles Holloway, reader, to stop up the doorway at the further end of the Cloister leading to Figtree Court, "and to place the same over against his chamber door," annexing the wood house, thereby gained, to his chamber.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir John Heath, treasurer, from 27 October, 25 Charles II., A.D. 1673, to 27 October, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674.

Disbursements.

To the steward, Warner, for suppers for the auditors of the treasurer's and steward's accounts, 1*li.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

For gravel and workmanship for the walk before Hampson's buildings, 9*li.* 6*s.*

To Richard Roberts, for 5 dozen of quart market bottles, at 4*s.* 6*d.* a dozen, 1*li.* 16*s.*

For a new horn, 1*li.* 1*s.*

For the judges' mess on All Saints day, 13*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

To John Belford, head cook, for a year's wages, 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Total receipts, 555*li.* 19*s.* 1*d.*

Total disbursements, 550*li.* 15*s.* 10*d.*

Remaining in the treasurer's hands, 5*li.* 3*s.* 3*d.*

Note.—The auditors allow the account except 9*li.* 6*s.* for the walk before Hampson's buildings and 1*li.* 10*s.* for the alterations of the wainscot in the Library, where the picture was set up, which is disallowed by direction of the bench table. So there remains in the treasurer's hands 15*li.* 19*s.* 3*d.*, out of which is deducted 4*li.* allowed to Samuel Philipps, the treasurer's clerk.

Account of William Minors, from 3 November, 1673, to 25 October, 1674.

Salaries to Dr. Ball for three quarters ending at Midsummer, to Dr. Woodroffe for three quarters ending at Lady Day, and to Rawlins for a year ending at Michaelmas, at the same rates as before.

To the players, for two plays acted in the hall on All Hallows' and Candlemas day, 40*li.*

To Lord Keeper Clarke for venison presented to the bench, 2*li.*

For the use of a chair when my lord keeper sat there, 2*li.* 5*s.*

To the master of the revels, by direction of the table, 4*li.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires, 4*li.* 4*s.*

For a new elbow chair in the library, 3*li.* 5*s.*

For staves, wands, tobacco, and pipes on All Hallows' Day and Candlemas, 1*li.* 2*s.*

For hiring a coach for the players, 2*s.*

For writing books for the masters of the bench when they were before the judges at Serjeant's Inn, 2*li.* 5*s.*

To two porters to Serjeants' Inn, 3*s.*

For charcoal, 1*s.* 8*d.*

For cleansing the gutters in the great snow in the reading time, 12*s.*

For the two last readers' coats of arms, 10*s.*

To Young, the stone-cutter, for keeping the Temple Bridge in repair for three years, 3*li.*

To Mr. Bloome, by the order of Sir John Heath, treasurer, for two books presented to the table, 5*li.*

To John Hudson, for all billets, faggots, sea coal, and old coal in the time of James Ellis, late steward, 29*li.* 6*s.* 4*d.*

To William Mylls, for a year's candles burnt at the gate, 3*li.*

For coach hire six several times to my lord keeper's, 12*s.*

For painting and mending the crucifix, 3*li.* 10*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 737*li.* 19*s.* 10*d.*

Sum total of disbursements, 741*li.* 9*s.* 5*d.*

And there remains due to the accountant, 3*li.* 9*s.* 7*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 November, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before [blank]. SIR JOHN TREVOR, K.C., treasurer.

Arthur Weavour, Rowland Jewkes, Edmund Wyott, and Lancelot Johnson, called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 22 November, 26 Charles II., A.D. 1674, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Order that Sir Simon Degg for refusing to read at the next Lent vacation shall be disbenched and fined 200*li.*

Special admission of William Lyster, at the request of William Lister, master of the bench, his father.

Charles Baldwyn, Henry Vincent, William Simpson, James Farwell, John Methwyn, and Walter Burdet, called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment on 24 November, following, before EDWARD PECK, THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD CROKE, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Richard Holloway elected reader.

Richard Sackvile called to the bar with a *salvo* to his seniority, but he is not to be sworn till he has received the sacrament.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 January, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1674-5, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Richard Holloway is discharged from his reading because Francis Pemberton has received a writ from the King to be serjeant at law. And the said Pemberton is elected reader in his place.

Charles Holloway and Sir William Poultney chosen attendants on the reader.

Sir John King, knight, called to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1674-5, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, EDWARD PECKE, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Henry Kempe, John Willson, and Arthur Bernardiston.

Edmund Pollexfen, Samuel Mellish, Rowland Jewkes, Edmund Wyott, Lancelot Johnson, Sir Littleton Osbaldston, Anthony Farrington, and Henry Pollexfen, called to the bench.

A list of the lives nominated to Hampson's new buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 April, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1675, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, (*sic*), EDWARD PECKE, elected serjeants at law, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Sir John Trevor, one of his Majesty's counsel and treasurer, chosen reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 May, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1675, before SIR JOHN KING, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Special admission of William Wylde, third son of Sir William Wylde, knight and baronet, justice of the Court of King's Bench.

Whereas at the parliament held on 15 June, 1673, Powell, Hampson, Richard Holloway, Shuter, and Dolben, were desired to examine what duties are owing upon the butler's rolls, etc., it is ordered that the said committee be revived.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 June, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1675, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN KING, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Stewards of the reader's dinner :—Lancelot Johnson, Sir Littleton Osbaldston, and John Palgrave.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1675, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN KING, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Charles Holloway, Richard Holloway, and Sir William Poultney, chosen attendants on the reader.

James Farr, an inhabitant of Fleet Street, lately petitioned that whereas his dwelling house was much in decay, there was a necessity to re-build it, and that a small part of his ground room, which looked into Hare Court, of about 4 ft. in breadth and 6 ft. in length, stands out beyond the rest of his building, yet ranges with the adjoining messuage, he cannot however make his work uniform unless that which stands out be carried up of an equal height with the rest, he therefore prays that he may be permitted to carry his house up of an equal height, two stories above his ground room. Which petition was referred to Robinson, an associate of the bench, Powell, and West, two of the masters of the bench, who reported that the south side of Farr's dwelling adjoined the north end of Hare Court towards the chamber of John Turbervill, and that out of the ground room of the back part of the said dwelling house, towards the west end thereof, there was a small jetty into Hare Court, one story in height, etc. Whereupon licence was granted to the said James Farr to carry up the said jetty of the length of 7 ft. 10 in. and the breadth of 3 ft. 5 in. two stories high above the ground room. To hold for 21 years, and the said James Farr to pay a fine of 40*s.* and the yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.*

Order that George Warner, the steward of this society, may hold certain shops and rooms set out in his petition (not recited) built since the late dreadful fire of London, for 21 years at the rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* And it is also ordered "that the said shop and rooms, now built, adjoining to the same, shall be subject to the House in case both Houses shall hereafter agree to pull down the buildings that are now about the church and next adjoining the said shop and rooms, in order to the repairing and beautifying the outside of the church."

Sir John Clayton chosen steward for the reader's dinner, in the room of Lancelot Johnson.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 October, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1675, before SIR JOHN KING, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR JOHN TREVOR, treasurer.

Richard Holloway chosen reader.

Auditors :—Charles Holloway and Edwards, of the bench, and Heath and Ward, of the bar, for the steward's accounts ; and Dolben and Pollexfen, of the bench, and Hodges and Hanmer, of the bar, for the treasurer's accounts.

The following admissions in the reading of Sir John Trevor are confirmed, viz.:—Charles, Duke of Southampton, Henry, Duke of Grafton, George, Earl of Northumberland, the Earl of Northampton, the Earl of Ancram, the Lord Windsor, Lord Berkeley, Edward Grey, Edward Kynnaston, and William Eyton.

The petitions of Thomas Greene and Timothy Holland, clerks, were read and referred to the table.

Treasurer :—Sir John King, one of his Majesty's learned counsel in the law.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 12 November, 1674.

Order that Fuller's chamber in Philips' new building be once more seized and padlocked for not paying the duties to the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 27 November, 1674.

Order that the committee for the inspecting the bills of the House be revived.

Wyne, reader of Lyon's Inn, is discharged.

Jeffrey discharged from being reader of Clement's Inn.

Foxcroft, reader of Clifford's Inn, is discharged.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 June, 1675.

Orders for the attendance of Lee and Downes at the table after dinner.

Bench Table held on 16 June, 1675.

Order for Lee to remove his family out of his chamber within three weeks, on pain of forfeiture.

Orders that Edwards' chamber be re-padlocked and Lucas' chamber be seized and viewed by Edrington and Powell, in order that it may be sold.

Bench Table held on Saturday, 25 July, 1675.

Order that Robinson, Milton, Etherington, Farrar, Powell, Hampson, C. Holloway, Richard Holloway, Shuter, Dolben, and Farrington, or three of them, do meet in the library on Tuesday next, to receive the proposal of the inhabitants of Mitre Court concerning a drain into the Inn.

Petition of John Playford, clerk of the Temple Church, to the treasurer and masters of the bench, informing them of several matters in the church which want speedy repair.

"First, the doors in the screen, which parts the church, are at this time so much decayed and broken as they are no security to the church, wherein now standeth the chest with your communion plate and also the several vestments and books belonging to the church.

"Second, the pulpit is so rotten at this time and decayed as it is in great danger of falling; also the velvet before the pulpit and the cushion thereto belonging, are both so much decayed and worn out, having been so often mended, as much longer they cannot be serviceable.

"Third, there is at this time great want of a good bell in the steeple, which want may be soon supplied if your masterships shall please to give order that those two bells now in the steeple, which are both cracked and useless, be cast into one; it will make an excellent bell that will be heard into all courts belonging to both societies.

"Fourth, the two surplices at this time belonging to the church are both worn out, one of which is allowed by the honourable society."

A like paper was delivered to the society of the Middle Temple.

Milton, Edrington, Powell, Farrar, Hampson, West, and Holloway to consider the above petition.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 June (*sic*), 1675.

Order that Shuter and Dolben be added to the committee to consider as to the drain in Mitre Alley.

Order of the said committee (signed by Powell, Hampson, and Shuter) that a large iron grate be placed at the mouth of the drain in the south side of Mitre Court, and that the following occupiers of Mitre Court, viz. :—John Moore, Arthur Boldero, Stephen Primatt, John Harmer, William Trehearne, Thomas Lindon, ——— Savadge, widow, Theophilus Terrill, John Wayte, Joseph Brookes and Christopher Hart shall pay yearly to the treasurer 3*s.* 4*d.*, and each inhabitant to set a grate at his own sink or gutter running into the common drain which passes down Mitre Court. Dated 10 July, 1675.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir John Trevor, treasurer, from 25 October, 1674, to 30 November, 1675.

DISBURSEMENTS.

For engrossing two petitions to his Majesty in reference to Sir Simon Degg's reading, 3*s.*

For a play acted at the Temple hall on Candlemas day last, 20*li.*

To Thomas Newman, the House bricklayer, for making the brick wall betwixt the Temple and Whitefriars, 26*li.* 10*s.* 9*d.*

For repairs to the lecturer's lodgings, 15*li.*

To a waterman for towing a dead body from the garden wall unto the tide, 1*s.*

To the watermen who attended the grand day and reading week, 1*li.* 2*s.*

To Mr. Dutton, for setting up the King's arms, etc., in the Temple window, 20*li.* 14*s.*

Total receipts, 626*li.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

Total disbursements, 536*li.* 2*s.* 3*d.*

Remaining in the treasurer's hands, 89*li.* 18*s.* 3*d.*

Account of William Minors, chief butler, from 25 October, 1674, to 30 October, 1675.

RECEIPTS.

Of Mr. Beamont, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent of that House, 4*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Dr. Ball, Dr. Woodroffe, and John Rawlins, as before.

To the serjeants when they took leave of the House, 15*li.*

For three purses, 4*s.*

For cleansing the well by the house of office, 1*li.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

For three readers' coats of arms, 15*s.*

To Francis Soares, by the treasurer's order, for clothes and looking after the children when they were sick, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To Mrs. Woolley, for 9 yards of green baize for a carpet for the "swingers'" table, 1*li.* 6*s.*

To John Blyth "for two graves-digging for two nurse children," 2*s*.
For a table for the library, 10*s*.
For washing the library and hall six times, 12*s*
For carrying away the rubbish when the hearth was taken up in the hall, 1*s*.
To the surveyor upon the view of the wall near the buttery, and other workmen for their advice, 8*s*.
For a green bag for carrying the rolls in, 2*s*. 6*d*.

Total receipts, 329*li*. 18*s*. 10*d*.
Total disbursements, 335*li*. 17*s*. 11*d*.
Due to the accountant, 5*li*. 19*s*. 1*d*.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 27 Charles II., A.D. 1675, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Special admission of John Holloway, at the request of his father Richard Holloway, reader elect.

Arthur Barnardiston, an utter barrister, discharged of his fine for being formerly chosen one of the stewards for the reader's dinner, in consideration of his condition.

Sir John Trevor, Sir William Poultney and Hopton Shuter, chosen attendants on the reader.

William Abell, John Saunders, Robert Wadman, Thomas Tongue, Edward Herbert, Robert Payne, William Barnesly, Walter Savadge, John Pottenger, John Spencer, Robert Gillmore, and William Cood called to the bar. Cood not to be sworn until his full time of standing.

The Act of 22 May, 18 Charles I., concerning apparels, is repealed.

PARLIAMENT held on 30 January, 28 Charles II., A.D. 1675-6, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD POWELL, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—Thomas Lewis, Thomas Stavely, and Francis Vaughan.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 1675-6, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD POWELL, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Further time given to Sir Richard Hopkins, serjeant at law, to nominate a life to his chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 April, 28 Charles II., A.D. 1676, before SIR JOHN HEATH, RICHARD POWELL, RICHARD HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Sir William Poultney chosen reader.

Special admission of Simon Harcourt, son of Sir Philip Harcourt, of Stanton Harcourt, in the County of Oxford, at the request of Richard Holloway, late reader.

Order that duties owing before the beginning of Trinity Term, 1660, be pardoned to all who shall pay the duties since that time incurred.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 28 Charles II., A.D. 1676, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Richard Holloway, Hopton Shuter, and William Dolben, attendants on the reader.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 June, 28 Charles II., A.D. 1676, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner :—Sir Nicholas Stroud, William Robinson, and John Gore.

Special admissions of John Poultney aud William Poultney, the eldest and second sons of Sir William Poultney, reader elect.

Samuel Powell called to the bar.

Time given to Thomas Robinson to nominate lives to his buildings.

"Whereas in the case of Mr. Jewkes, a barrister of this society, the treasurer and several of the masters of the bench, by order of the House did make their complaint unto the right honourable the Lord Chief Justice Raynsford, for that one of the tipstaffs belonging unto his lordship, had (without leave obtained therein) taken the said Mr. Jewkes out of his chamber and delivered him over in execution, in breach of the privilege of the Temple, desiring his lordship's favour-

able redress therein. In answer whereunto, his lordship having expressed the great respect he had for the Society of the Inner Temple, did declare that the present case, as his lordship was informed, was a case of great extremity to the utter ruin of a family depending thereon, and that his lordship would take care for the future nothing of the like nature should be done to the prejudice of those ancient privileges which have been accustomedly enjoyed by the members of this society, his lordship also recommending it to the governors of the House to take effectual care that foreigners be not harboured therein to the obstruction of justice. Which being reported to the table, it is ordered that a memorial thereof be made and entered in the parliament book at the next parliament that shall be held for this society."

PARLIAMENT held on 29 October, 28 Charles II., A.D. 1676, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR JOHN KING, treasurer.

Auditors:—Edwards and Farrington, of the bench, and Ward and Thurland, of the bar, for the steward's accounts; and Richard Holloway and Pollexfen, of the bench, and Purley and Hodges, of the bar, for the treasurer's accounts.

Hopton Shuter chosen reader.

The following admissions made in the last summer reading by Sir William Poultney and confirmed, viz,, Christienlaus, Duke of Mecklenburgh, Charles, Lord Grey of Rolleston, Sir John Brownlow, Bart., George Clarke, and William Berrington.

Treasurer:—Sir Thomas Foster, knight.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 28 October, 1676.

Dolben, Edwards, Farrington, John Hales, and Crispe to be a committee to consider the regulating of commons, the buttery, and other expenses.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir John King, solicitor general of the Duke of York, treasurer, from 9 November, 1675, to 29 October, 1676.

Disbursements.

To the King's players, for acting a play in the Temple Hall called "The Scornful Lady" on All Saints day, 1675, 20*li.*

To Richard Roberts, for wine for the bench table in Michaelmas term, 25*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

To George Warner, steward, by order of the bench, 68*li.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

To Henry Hall, for 187 dozen of pots, 11*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

To the King's players, for acting a play called "The Spanish Curate" in the Inner Temple Hall on Candlemas day, 1675-6, 20*li.*

To Henry Hall, for 169 double dozen of pots, etc., 9*li.* 17*s.* 2*d.*

To Playford, for hassocks, etc., for the Temple church, 2*li.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

To Hilliare, the painter, 10*li.* 1*s.* 11*d.*

To Mr. Lyndsay, for the purchase of the reversion of the fee farm rent of the Inner Temple, 80*li.*

To Mr. Brent, for the conveyance of the fee farm rent and enrolling the same, 1*li.* 10*s.*

For his pains and care in it, as a gratuity, 2*li.*

Sum total of the receipts, 524*li.* 18*s.* 3*d.*

Total of the disbursements with 4*li.* allowed to Daniel Storer, the treasurer's clerk, 505*li.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

And so there remains 18*li.* 19*s.* 7*d.*

Receipts by William Minors, chief butler, from 30 October, 1675, to 18 November, 1676.

Of Beamont, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent, 4*li.*

Of Thomas Lewis, for his fine as steward in Richard Holloway's reading, 18*li.*

Of Thomas Stavely, steward to the same, 20*li.*

Of John Machell, steward in West's reading, for his fine, 18*li.*

Disbursements by William Minors for the same time.

Salary to Dr. Ball, as before.

To Timothy Holland, for reading prayers at 3*li.* 15*s.* a quarter.

To Richard Holloway, the fines of three stewards for his dinner, 60*li.*

To John Watts, the Queen's receiver, for one year's rent, 10*li.* 2*s.*

For half a year's rent for the New River Water, 1*li.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

For painting three of the readers' arms, 15*s.*

To Buggins, master of the revels for Michaelmas, 1675, 10*li.*

For Candlemas and two other grand days, 8*li.*

For nursing of Christmas and Ben Temple, 3*li.* 12*s.*

Like entries for nursing Ahurst Temple, Mary Temple, Abraham Temple, and John Temple.

To Daniel Ireland, for the moiety of a bill for mending a glass lanthorn, 11*s.*

To the porters, for attending at the hall doors on All Hallows and Candlemas days, 1*li.*

To the musicians, for their yearly fee, 4*li.*

For cleaning, digging, and stopping up the well in Hare's Court, 1*li.* 10*s.*

For scouring the green carpet for "the swingers'" table, 3*s.*

For wands, tobacco, and pipes for the three last grand days, 1*li.* 10*s.*

For proving Edmund Prideaux's will, 16*s.*

For sweeping and washing the library and the hall, and for herbs and flowers for them, 10*s.*

For my charges in sending letters to the stewards and my journey into the country to Sir Roger Hill, 1*li.*

For hiring coaches to invite the judges three times, 8*s.*

For hearth money for chimneys in the House's hands, 1*li.* 4*s.*

To John Blyth for making a grave, 1*s.*, and to the nurse towards the burial of a nurse child, 4*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 422*li.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

Sum total of disbursements, 469*li.* 4*s.* 9*d.*

So there is due to the accountant 46*li.* 16*s.* 3*d.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

1675-6, February 29. Receipt by John Lindsay of London, goldsmith, to Daniel Finch, Henneage Finch, and William Finch, sons of Henneage, Lord Finch, Baron of Daventry, and lord chancellor, for 80*li.*, being the consideration money mentioned to be paid in an indenture of even date, between Francis, Lord Hawley, Sir Charles Harbord, and others,[1] of the first part, the said John Lindsay of the second part, and the said Daniel, Henneage, and William Finch, of the third part.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 November, 28 Charles II., A.D. 1676, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR JOHN KING, and others. SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Sir William Poultney, Dolben, and Edwards chosen attendants on the reader.

Sir Thomas Hanmer, K.C., the Queen's solicitor, called to the bench.

Henry Crispe, John Goodfellow, Richard Milton, William Younge, Henry Gaudy, John Sturmy, John Wilson, Thomas Jobber, Arthur Maudett, William Foster, John Haughfen, Ralph Milbourne, Philip Neeve, Edmund Jenney, John Dalby, Josias Calmady, William Pudsey, John Winston, John Wallis, James Grove, Hugh

[1] These persons were the trustees for the sale of the Crown fee farm rents.

Barker, William Corey, Richard Powell, Jeffery Jefferyes, Lovelace Hercey, Thomas Vincent, Richard Webb, John Oxenham, and William Wilkinson, called to the bar. The three last not to be sworn till they shall be of full time.

Order that the next convenient chamber that shall fall to the disposal of the House, be appointed for the master of the revels.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1676-7, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR JOHN KING, and others. SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—George Tipping, Arthur Weaver, and Edmond Pollexfen.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 May, 20 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN KING, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Sir William Dolben, K.C., recorder of the City of London, chosen reader.

Fines for admittances to chambers to be paid upon pain of the admittances being made void.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 May, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before SIR JOHN HEATH, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Shuter, Edwards, and Simpson chosen attendants on the reader.

Order that the chamber up three pair of stairs and the garret in the first staircase in the Paper Buildings, shall be for the use of the present master of the revels, so long as he continue in that office.

Order "that the ancient order of casting into commons all members of this society (except such as have chambers) that are *vasas in villa* for every whole week in term, be renewed, and a roll to be specially made for that purpose, and that the butlers and stewards, as heretofore, are to use their diligence in certifying thereof."

PARLIAMENT held on 24 June, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before SIR JOHN HEATH, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Stewards for the reader's dinner:—William Cawley, Ralph Jennings, and Benjamin Lister.

Whereas Samuel Grant's chamber was twice padlocked up for his refusing to pay his duties for commons and has been since broken open, it is again ordered that the said chamber be padlocked with two padlocks, and seized to the use of the House, and secured by two watchmen.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before [blank] SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Sir John Biggs chosen steward for the reader's dinner in the room of William Cawley.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 October, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR THOMAS HANMER, and others. SIR THOMAS FOSTER, treasurer.

Pensions assessed double.

Auditors:—Farrington and Johnson, of the bench, and Thurland and Thomas Petitt, of the bar, for the steward's accounts; and Pollexfen and Sir William Poultney, of the bench, and Hodges and William Petitt, of the bar, for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of John Dolben, second son of the bishop of Rochester, at the request of Sir William Dolben, recorder of London, and serjeant at law elect.

Order for the chamber wherein Turbervile was admitted, to be seized.

"Whereas by the ancient, most accustomed, and laudable rules and practices of this society, the treasurership thereof hath been usually from time to time placed in and continued unto some master of the bench, who hath actually performed the exercise of a grand

reader, unto which treasurership the said readers respectively were accustomed annually to be elected according to their antiquity and seniority in reading; therefore for the better government of this society, it is at this present parliament ordered, declared, and enacted that a new treasurer for this society shall be from henceforth annually elected at the first parliament in every Michaelmas term, and that a reader then present in the said parliament, who hath not been treasurer before that time, shall be elected treasurer for the year ensuing, and be it further declared that in the election of a treasurer, respect from time to time be had to the senior reader who hath not been treasurer, that shall be present at the time of such election."

Heneage Finch, K.C., and Sir Robert Sawyer, K.C., Richard Heath, Henry Selbey, Anthony Kecke, William Buckby, Nicholas Courtney, John Kelings, and William Longuevile are called to the bench.

Treasurer:—Richard Powell.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 30 October, 1676.

West, Charles Holloway, and Pollexfen are desired to inquire what chambers in the new buildings "are cast in, and to settle the same."

Hampson, Richard West, Richard Holloway, Dolben and Pollexfen to be a committee to consider all necessary means to prevent any accidental fires in this society, and to view the engine and to report what further number of buckets will be necessary to be added to those now hung up in the hall.

Bench Table held on 7 November, 1676.

Order for the better conveniency of gentlemen paying commons that the steward or his servant shall attend immediately after the horn has blown, at the lower end of the clerks' commons table, with his rolls of commons, till the masters of the bench shall come into the hall. And he shall afterwards remove from thence with the rolls to the yeomen's table till the commons are called to be served up, so

that the gentlemen can freely peruse the rolls and "see themselves cut out of the same upon payment of their said commons, without attending upon the said stewards."

BENCH TABLE held on 2 May, 1677.

Order that Sir Nathaniel Powell, at his request, be discharged from a vacation.

Re-appointment of the same committee (with the addition of Charles Holloway) selected on 30 October, to consider the means for the prevention of fires.

BENCH TABLE held on 4 May, 1677.

Orders that the chambers of Grant, Shelbury, Palgrave, Roberts, Boeveys and Hambden be padlocked; that the padlock on Roberts' chamber be taken off upon his paying 10*li.*; and that Farrer, Hampson, Holloway, Edwards and Farrington shall meet and consider of all persons admitted into chambers.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 May, 1677.

Order that Powell and others shall be a committee to consider the debts of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 May, 1677.

Order that all gentlemen of the society in arrear for vacations and amercements shall have liberty to compound for half the money due, provided they pay within a certain time.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 July, 1677.

"Upon information at the table that the charge of altering the seats in the church, for this House's part, will amount to 300*li.*, which is double as much as was at first proposed, it is ordered that the altering of the said seats be suspended until our next meeting,

and that the 150*li.* in the head butler's hands be returned unto the treasurer."

Order that the election of Graham, principal of Clifford's Inn, be confirmed, and Summers yield obedience thereto, and forthwith deliver up to Graham the chamber books, keys, writings, and other things belonging to the principal of that society. And in case Summers "shall refuse to yield obedience thereto, this table will take the consideration of proceeding against him the next term, for the punishment of his contempt in that behalf."

Order that in case of Summers' contempt of the above order, that Gardiner, the reader of that society, be discharged of his reading there for the next summer vacation.[1]

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Thomas Foster, knight, treasurer, from 27 October, 1676, to 27 October, 1677.

Disbursements.

To the players sent by Mr. Roberts, 20*li.*
For a surplice, 3*li.*
To Dr. Woodroffe, 60*li.*
To the head cook, Mr. Belford, 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
To Mr. Roberts, for wine, 25*li.* 6*s.*
To the watermen that toiled at the fire, 1*li.*
To the steward's man, by order of my masters of the bench, for his pains in extinguishing the fire, 1*li.*
To the engineer of St. Bride's parish, 2*li.*
To the engineer of St. Dunstan's, 2*li.*
To four watermen for pulling down the wall and for the loss of a pickaxe, 10*s.*
To the players at Candlemas, sent by Richard Roberts, 20*li.*
To Richard Roberts, for his pains in providing wine, 1*li.*
Given to Anthony Vassallo, of Candia, according as other Inns of Court have given, under the hand of the treasurers, 1*li.*
To the carpenter, for the music room, 4*li.* 18*s.* 2*d.*
Given to a sick washpot, 1*li.*

Sum total of the receipts, 752*li.* 1*s.* 9*d.*

Total of the disbursements, 714*li.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

And so there remains with 4*li.* allowed, 33*li.* 6*s.* 7*d.*

Receipts by William Minors, chief butler; from 29 October, 1676, to 28 October, 1677.

Of Richard Roberts, for his shop in Tanfield Court, 5*s.*

Disbursements.

To Dr. Ball, for his salary, each quarter, 25*li.*

[1] In another hand there is added, "and afterwards by the order of the table was discharged."

To Dr. Woodroffe, for his salary, each quarter, 20*li.*

To Holland, the reader, each quarter, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Francis Soares, varying amounts each quarter for nursing from three to six children.

For the rent of the House to the Queen's receiver for two years and 2*s.* for receipts, 20*li.* 2*s.*

To Newman, the bricklayer, for work done "in my chamber" by throwing down the wall by the gentlemen, 2*li.* 13*s.*

For faggots, for bonfires, 4*li.* 16*s.*

To Brickwood, the pavier, for work done in Figtree Court, 8*s.*

To the musicians, their yearly fee, 4*li.*

For painting three coats of readers' arms, 15*s.*

Allowed the master of the revels, 12*li.*

For wands, staves, tobacco pipes, and candles, the two last Grand days, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To the porters, for watching the gate at the same time, 1*li.* 12*s.*

For washing the hall and libraries, 1*li.* 12*s.*

For sending several letters to the reader's stewards for horse hire, riding down to the treasurer after the fire, 1*li.*

Paid back to Sir Nathaniel Powell by order of the bench for a vacation when he was sick, 4*li.*

For a Spanish table for the library, 14*s.*

To the new serjeants on their going out, 20*li.*

For the purses, 6*s.*

The bill of my expenses at the fire, 18*li.* 3*s.*

For curtains, for the music room, 2*li.*

To porters, to watch the bonfires, 6*s.*

To the men that worked at the engine of St. Dunstan's, 15*s.*

Sum total of the receipts, 596*li.* 8*s.* 2*d.*

Sum total of the disbursements, 610*li.* 15*s.*

So there remains due to the accountant, 14*li.* 7*s.* (*sic*).

MISCELLANEOUS.

1677, June 1. Letter from William Minors, chief butler to —— Finch, as to compounding for duties.

1677, December 11. Serjeants' Inn in Chancery Lane. "The judges of both benches and barons of the Exchequer taking into consideration a difference depending in the society of Clifford's Inn concerning the election of a principal, whereupon the benchers of the Inner Temple and the judges of that Society had been attended and had proposed expedients, but there had been no acquiescence, did think fit to appoint a meeting of all the judges to prevent the ill consequences and scandal that may arise to the profession of the law thereby, and accordingly the Lord Chief Justice Raynsford, Lord Chief Justice North, Lord Chief Baron Mountague, Baron Littleton, Justice Windham, Justice Atkins, Justice Jones, Justice Scroggs, this day assembled, Justice Twisdon, Justice Wyld, Baron Thurland, and Baron Bertie being hindered by infirmity or other accident, Mr. Powall, treasurer of the Inner Temple, and Mr. Hampson, bencher of that House, attending without, and Mr. Sommers and

Mr. Graham, the two competitors for the office of principal, and divers other members of Clifford's Inn, of their several parties, likewise attending, were called in and examined whether they had pursued the due methods of making complaints of this nature, which the judges declared ought to be made in this manner, viz., first to the benchers of the Inns of Court, to which they belong, to whose government the government of the Inns of Chancery is and ought to be subordinate, and if any of the Inns of Chancery shall find themselves aggrieved by the determination of the said benchers, they may appeal to his Majesty's judges that were of that Inn of Court, who may examine, and, if they see cause, correct such determination. And if any shall think fit to appeal from the determination of the said judges, they may apply themselves to all the judges, who, upon any general meeting, may take order therein. And in this particular case it appearing that applications had been first made to the benchers of the Inner Temple, and after to the judges of that society, but some questions arising about the formalities of the said appeals, it was proposed as an expedient that setting aside all former decisions and proposals, the judges would appoint a day for the hearing of all parties concerning the right and manner of election, and determine the same, to which there appears a general concurrence. And Mr. Powell and Mr. Hampson did on the behalf of the Inner Temple assent, and Mr. Sommers and Mr. Graham likewise and the rest of the society of Clifford's Inn then present, whereupon the judges did appoint Monday next at nine of the clock in the morning in this place to hear all parties concerned in this matter, and thereupon to take such order as to them shall seem just. At which time and place, the said justices being again assembled, the treasurer and several of the benchers of the Inner Temple and the contesting parties of Clifford's Inn attending were called in, and after a full hearing of what would be alleged on either side, it clearly appeared to the said judges that by the ancient constitutions of the society of Clifford's Inn, upon any vacancy of the office of principal there ought to be three persons proposed by the rules to the commons of the House for their election; and that the commons had not liberty to choose any other person to be principal but one of the three so proposed, but the said justices declared that it is agreeable to reason and justice that every one of the persons, so to be pro-

posed, be a person well qualified for the office. And if the rules propose persons unfit, it may be just cause of complaint, which being alleged to be the present case and the chief ground of the complaint to the benchers of the Inner Temple, whereupon the benchers had thought fit to change the nomination in order to a new election. The judges, to avoid personal reflections, which would increase the opposition of parties, declined the examination of that matter, and because victory on either side would occasion burnings and reproaches, they proposed divers expedients for a new election of a principal to continue for three years, wherein the present competitors should be wholly waived. But difficulties appearing therein, it was at last unanimously agreed by all parties that if the judges there present would be pleased to take the trouble to nominate any of the rules of that society to be principal, they would willingly submit that such person should be principal for three years.

Which being accepted by the judges, and the names of all the rules being presented to them, the said judges did unanimously concur in the nomination of Mr. Ingram to be the principal of their society for the term of three years from the death of Mr. Attwood.

After which it was represented to the judges that in the society the rules are arbitrarily chosen without regard to antiquity, and it was answered that the society being divided into parties by this difference, the party which had at this present the major vote among the rules would overpower the rest in the choice of new rules wholly out of their own party, so that the others which were the major part of the society, although the major part of the present rules might be oppressed, and that the power of the principal was swelled so much by the influence he had upon the rules, that he is now allowed eighteen chambers for his own use, when other members of the society want the chambers, and that there ought to be yearly accounts given up, but no account had been given these many years past, which inconveniences are the occasions that the commons of the society have so earnestly desired a principal of their good liking that matters may not be carried so for the future.

Whereupon the judges declared that the occasion of their meeting was concerning the election of a principal, which being now over, they thought it not proper to take any order on other matters, nevertheless they did intimate that upon the choice of a rule those

which were most ancient in the society ought not without reason to be pretermitted, but upon that or any other abuse of government there might be complaint to the benchers of the Inner Temple, who are to regulate the same and until they have been applied unto, the judges will not meddle therein."

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 November, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR JOHN TREVOR, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

The choosing of the reader postponed till the last parliament of this term.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 November, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before [blank]. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Richard Edwards chosen reader.

The act of parliament of 28 October last, touching the election of treasurer, declared void.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before [blank]. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Sir William Poultney, Wyatt, and Johnson, chosen attendants on the reader.

Whereas Thomas Robinson, chief prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, an ancient associate of the bench table, has paid to the treasurer the sum of 200*li.*, as a free and voluntary present, and whereas Richard Brow[n]low, his predecessor, was formerly an associate of the bench table, and was afterwards called to be a bencher with a discharge from readings, and was afterwards elected treasurer, it is therefore ordered that the said Thomas Robinson shall be called to be one of the masters of the bench, with a full discharge to him of his readings, and to hold seniority and other privileges as if he actually performed the office and duty of a grand reader.

Order that care be taken for the preservation of Roger Crowle's interest in the King's Bench Buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 November, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677, before [blank]. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Order that William Minors, the head butler, shall have the like privileges "as the several other builders of the burnt buildings," and shall have 22 ft. in front and 20 ft. depth towards Whitefriars, whereon to build a cellar and three storeys over at the lower end of Hampson's buildings.

Order that the committee appointed concerning the re-building of the King's Bench Buildings, lately consumed by fire, shall draw up an act for that purpose.

Alston, at his request, is discharged from continuing master of the revels.

Samuel Astrey, John Luke, and Tobias Eden, called associates to the bar.

Sir Robert Sawyer, Robinson, Hampson, Sir William Poultney, Edward West, Pollexfen, and Courtney, of the bench, and Thomas Pettit, Thomas Jennor, Edward Ward, Robinson, the younger, William Simpson, Thomas Milton, William Barnesly, William Abell, Samuel Dodd, Philip Neeve, John Powell, Richard Powell, Henry Crispe, and Henry Gaudy, appointed a standing committee to regulate the expenses of the buttery and kitchen.

Edward Lloyd, Edward Barker, Jasper Blithman, William Farrar, John Heames, Barnard Smithson, Littleton Powell, Stephen Downes, Manwaring Davies, Richard Coleman, John Bond, John Hartley, Tanfeild Leman, Ellis Lloyd, Thomas Hopton, Francis Lane, William Crofts, Richard Courthop, Samuel Gibbs, Edward Griffith, Lee Warner, Thomas Milton, Robert Price, Robert Ryther, Samuel Dodd, John Cressett, Griffith Lloyd, Martin Baldwyn, Nathan Wright, James Stephens, Thomas Bolton, Sir John Lowther, Bart., Humphrey Courtney, and John Tregagle, called to the bar, but the three last not to be sworn till they have received the sacrament. Samuel Graunt is also called to be an utter barrister of this society.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 January, 29 Charles II., A.D. 1677-8, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR ROBERT SAWYER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Sir George Jefferyes called to the bench.

Order that those having chambers in the King's Bench Buildings shall pay their fines. And that all gentlemen residing in and about the city of London shall pay their House duties on or before 2 February, and those in the country before the next parliament, upon pain of being excluded from all interest in the intended new buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1677-8, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR ROBERT SAWYER, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Stewards of the reader's dinner:—George Farwell, Francis Wightwick, and Edward Bullock.

Whereas many of the sufferers by the late fire in the King's Bench Buildings have desired leave to build their chambers, it is ordered that they or their assigns may do so, three pair of stairs high and no more, besides the ground chambers and cellars, upon the same foundation in the front to the walks as formerly, and 38 ft. in depth, with a brick wall, not to be lower than 6 ft., to be built next to the Whitefriars and a space to be left between the said wall and the buildings. And for the encouragement of the said builders, it is ordered that every owner or assignee shall have two lives and an assignment in his respective chambers, so to be built, and that Sir John Trevor, Sir Robert Sawyer, Robinson, Hampson, Sir William Poultney, Edwards, the present reader, Johnson, Wyatt, Heath, Courtney, and Kelinge, shall be a standing committee to settle all differences touching the said building, with various powers given to them as to bringing in other members to build in the place of any owner neglecting or refusing to join in the said building. And whereas Francis Philipps, an infant, was, by virtue of his father's last will, owner of a double chamber, one pair of stairs high, it is ordered that Sir Robert Sawyer may join in rebuilding the said chamber,

provided that if the said Francis shall within one year after he shall attain the age of twenty-one, repay the said Sir Robert the money disbursed by him with interest, that he, being a fellow, shall be admitted to the chamber aforesaid. And every of the said builders shall, for every chamber, deposit 50*li.* with Mr. Blanchard, goldsmith, near Temple Bar, before 2 February next. And the said builders shall have liberty to make a gateway in the Temple wall by the Thames side, and to land and lay materials there, and frame their timber and make mortar, as former builders, making good the wall again.

Order, with the consent of Livesay, that in recompense for his interest and materials in the late King's Bench office, he shall have 120*li.*, and that the treasurer, Robinson, Milton, Farrar, Hampson, West, Holloway, Sir William Poultney, Edwards, the reader, Wyatt, Heath, and Selby, be a committee to treat with Livesay for the disposal of the ground, and to allot new ground whereon to rebuild the said office, which is to be one storey high, as the Exchequer office, and covered with lead.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 April, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR GEORGE JEFFERYES, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

The choosing of the reader is respited.

Special admissions of Samuel Cust, second son of Sir Richard Cust, bart., at the request of Edwards; of Richard Holloway, second son of Richard Holloway, serjeant at law, at the request of his father; and of John Kelinge, eldest son of Kelinge, of the bench, at the request of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 14 May, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before THOMAS ROBINSON, ROBERT HAMPSON, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Additional privileges granted to William Minors in the buildings he is erecting at the lower end of Hampson's Buildings, reciting the previous orders and grants made to him.

Order for those who have an interest in the King's Bench Buildings to make their payments of 50*li.* and 40*li.* each before the first day of next term.

Whereas in 1668, William Roundethwaite, joiner, with the leave of the bench, erected at his own expense a shop or working room in the Inner Temple ground near the gardener's house, to work in for the service of the said society, which was so used till about 1677, when it was destroyed, to the loss and prejudice of the said William. And at his petition the masters of the bench gave him licence to build a room at his own charges for the standing and keeping of the water engine belonging to this society, and to build over it a shop or room to work in for the service of the society, it is therefore ordered that the said William and his assigns shall hold the same during the pleasure of the treasurer and benchers.

Samuel Astrey called an associate and to sit at the upper mess of the bar table.

Order for the payment of 50*li.* each by those interested in the King's Bench Buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 June, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Order for the payment of 50*li.* by Pyers and other gentlemen interested in the King's Bench Buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 16 June, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Allowance of two lives and one assignment to Sir John Trevor in consideration of his rebuilding his chamber in the Inner Temple Lane.

Articles of agreement made with Livesay on 18 June, 1678, for rebuilding the King's Bench office. The said office to be 80 ft. in length, 30 ft. in breadth, and 11 ft. in height, between the floor and ceiling. The roof to be covered with lead, allowing nine pounds of lead to every foot. Articles as to the doors, windows, and fittings, as

to the nomination of lives and the use of the building in case it should cease to be used for the said office, as to the payments to be made by the said William Livesay towards the said building, and stipulations touching his keeping the same in repair and paying the chimney money and all other public taxes, and not to burn any sea coals in the chimneys or other fuel or firing, "save only charcoals and billets."

Order that the treasurer proceed to cause the said office to be built accordingly on the ground where the foundations of the same were last digged, between the building lately erected by William Minors on the east part and the gardener's house on the west, and that he cause to be built four ground chambers under the said intended office with one chimney in each. Further stipulation against the use of sea coal.

PARLIAMENT held, by adjournment, 19 June, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Appointment of the treasurer, Farrar, Hampson, Edwards, and Johnson to be a committee to view and set out the ground for Sir John Trevor's building.

Appointment of the same members (except the treasurer) to view and set out the ground for the treasurer's buildings.

Order for a committee to be appointed to settle all differences concerning the King's Bench new buildings.

Order that Methwyn's petition be referred to the table.

Order that commons and exercise be kept for the space of one month after the end of the term and no longer, and that those then attending shall be excused the residue of the next long vacation. And they shall be allowed 10*li.* towards the charge of their commons.

Order for the treasurer's proposals for rebuilding his chamber to be prepared, against Wednesday night.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 November, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before [blank]. RICHARD POWELL, treasurer.

Auditors :—Farrington, Heath, Petitt, and Blincoe for the steward's accounts, and Pollexfen, Kelinge, William Petitt, and Goodfellow, for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of Richard Edwards, eldest son of Richard Edwards, of the bench, at the request of his father.

Order that William Minors, chief butler, shall pay to Thomas Jenner, an utter barrister, 32*li.*, for building a cellar chamber under the southernmost staircase in the King's Bench Buildings.

Order for the payment by those claiming interest in any chamber in the two staircases next the passage into Whitefriars in the King's Bench Building, to pay their proportions towards the building of those chambers.

Treasurer :—Sir Thomas Hanmer, the Queen's solicitor general.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 November, 1677.

The petition of the gentlemen concerned in the buildings lately burnt, referred to Milton, Farrar, and others.

BENCH TABLE held on 5 November, 1677.

Order that Hampson, West, Edwards, Pollexfen, Farrington, Heath and Keeling be a committee to treat with the masters of the bar and the gentlemen under the bar concerning a contribution for alteration of the seats in the church and repairing of the church.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 November, 1677.

Order that Sir Robert Sawyer, Sir Thomas Foster, Farrar, Milton, Hampson, West, and Holloway be a committee to attend with the treasurer upon the judges of the King's Bench on Saturday

morning, 10th November, 1677, touching Clifford's Inn, at the side bar, and to move them that Ince, of that Inn, may be forejudged that court. Memorandum :—Copies of the orders of 6 Charles I. and the orders made by this table in Ince's case.

BENCH TABLE held on 10 November, 1677.

Order that all those who are interested in the late burnt buildings, called King's Bench Buildings, and who intend to build, do give in their names to the treasurer before the last Sunday in this Michaelmas term.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 November, 1677.

Order that the treasurer do pay 10*li.* to Mr. Adams for the map he presented to this society, which is now hanging in the Parliament Chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 November, 1677.

Upon the report of the committee appointed to inquire as to the interest of those who suffered in the late fire in the King's Bench Buildings, as to the number of lives and assignments to be granted, it was proposed that the building be built upon the same foundations in the front to the walks, as formerly, and 38 ft. "from out to out in depth," and a brick wall be built next the White Friars and a space to be left between the wall and the building; the building to be three pair of stairs high and no more, besides the ground chambers and cellars. The table agreed to the said proposals and ordered that Robinson and others be a committee to settle all differences touching the said building.

BENCH TABLE held in the Parliament Chamber, on Friday night, 15 February, 1677-8. Present: POWELL, treasurer, SIR THOMAS HANMER, FINCH, and ROBINSON, of the bench; PEACHEY, BLINCOW, JOHN POWELL, and HALES, of the bar, and NICHOLAS HOOPER, of the masters' commons.

Orders as to the rating of commons and that every barrister and student who went out of commons upon Thursday night in the said grand week, or was *visus in villa* and had not a chamber, should pay 8*s.* 6*d.* a man for the week, and those who come into commons again in the week after the grand week, and were *visus in villa* and have chambers, should pay 3*s.* 6*d.* a week, and a roll be kept of the same.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 May, 1678.

Order that the treasurer, Robinson, and others, be a committee to consider Livesay's proposals, the building by William Minors, the butler, and the shed of the joiner.

BENCH TABLE held on 18 June, 1678.

Order that Simpson's proposal for himself and others for rebuilding Paper Buildings be sent in writing to the treasurer.

Report of the treasurer, upon his conference with a surveyor and workmen touching the building of the intended King's Bench office. The surveyor and workmen were of opinion that it would not cost above 90*li.* or 100*li.* to build with four chambers under the office, and if such chambers were sold at 80*li.* each for one life it would help to reimburse the society. It was therefore ordered that the said chambers should be built.

Order that William Minors may enclose a piece of ground, part thereof to be employed for a garden, and may build on the other part adjoining the wall next the White Friars, lying between the Engine House on the south and the brick wall going from the said Minors' building towards the White Friars on the north. And the said Minors to deliver up his interest in a chamber under Serjeant Simpson's, and

may take down the porter's lodge and convert the materials to his own use, filling up the ground at his own cost.

Order for a step of the King's Bench Buildings to be lowered.

Bench Table held on 10 (*sic*) June, 1678.

Orders for the payments of commons by those in arrear, and for Baynes, Levett, Danvers, Bridges, and Guillim to attend the table to show cause why their chambers should not be seized for non-payment of commons.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Richard Powell, treasurer, from [blank] October, 1677, to [blank] November, 1678.

Receipts from various persons towards building the northernmost staircase in the King's Bench Buildings, and towards building the King's Bench office.

Disbursements.

To Minors for the players on All Saints' day, 20*li.*

To Mr. Adams, for a map of England which he presented to the Society, and was placed in the Library, 10*li.*

To Robert Lathwell, for two dozen leather buckets, 4*li.* 4*s.*

To the King's players, for acting on Candlemas day, 20*li.*

To Groom, a gardener of Twickenham, for two fir trees for Hare Court, 10*s.*

To Storer, Sir John King's clerk, for a copy of the schedule of the House, received from Sir John King's executrix, 5*s.*

To Stephen Cresser, the carpenter, for paling six trees in Hare Court, 3*li.* 12*s.*

To Playford, the clerk, for wages to Lady day, and the moiety of the church bible, 2*li.* 15*s.*

For painting the engine, 1*li.* 6*s.*

To Dutton, for mending the title of my Lord Chancellor's arms in the hall window, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To several men, for watching at Langhorne's chamber, ending 3 November, 1*li.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

Accounts of money paid to the carpenter, bricklayer, and mason, for building the north staircase in the King's Bench Buildings and the King's Bench office.

Sum total of the receipts, 1,825*li.* 16*s.* 5*d.*

Total of the disbursements, 1,756*li.* 13*s.* 9*d.*

So there remains after deductions, 69*li.* 2*s.* 8*d.*

Received by William Minors, chief butler, from 28 October, 1677, to 23 October, 1678.

Of Beaumont, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent, 4*li.*

Disbursements.

To Francis Soares, for nursing Christmas, Benjamin, Abraham, Margaret, and Mary Temple, a quarter, 11*li.* 14*s.*

For coach hire and linkmen, two several grand days to invite my Lord Chancellor and Judges, 6*s.*

For a play acted in the Inner Temple on All Hallow's day, 20*li.*

To Tayler, the surveyor, for attending the bench to view the Temple Church about the ordering of the pews, 5*s.*

To Penn, the stationer, for books, pens, ink, and paper for the use of the treasurer, 2*li.*

For coach hire at seven several times the treasurer and the bench were to wait upon my Lord Chancellor, 14*s.*

Given several times to my Lord Chancellor's porter, 7*s.*

To the bricklayer, for work done in Robinson's building occasioned by the fire, and pulling down of the ruins in the King's Bench Buildings, 3*li.*

For a "standish," ink, pens, and paper, when Mr. Edwards was reader, 6*s.*

For removing the rubbish from Whitefriars wall, 14*s.*

For entering the deed of purchase of the fee farm in the Book of Evidences of the House, 1*li.*

For writing thirty proposals, by order of the treasurer, delivered to several of the masters of the bench, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To Langly, for faggots for bonfires, 2*li.* 16*s.*

For a green bag, tape, candles, and two joiners to search for the use of the committee appointed to search the writings in Langhorne's chamber, by order of the treasurer and the said committee of parliament, 1*li.*

For a reader's coat of arms, 10*s.*

For coach hire for the attorney general, 2*s.*

To the sempstress for oyster clothes, 10*s.*

Total of the receipts, 346*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Total of the disbursements, 368*li.* 16*s.* 10*d.*

And so there remains, 22*li.* 10*s.* 2*d.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account for Christmas, beginning 23 December, 1677, and ending 11 January, 1678.

The following is the account for Christmas day, 1677 :—

A shoulder, neck, and leg of veal, 15*s.*; 2 legs of mutton, 8*s.* 2*d.*; 4 rabbits, 3*s.* 4*d.*; 2 pullets with eggs, 4*s.*; ½ firkin of butter, 12*s.*; 6 lb. of fresh butter, 3*s.* 6*d.*; ½ bushel of flour, 5*s.*; 200 pippins, 4*s.* 2*d.*; 6 lb. of currants, 2*s.* 6*d.*; 6 lb. of sugar, at 5*d.*, 2*s.* 6*d.*; 1 lb. of sugar, at 8*d.*; 1 lb. of anchovies, 1*s.* 6*d.*; 1 lb. of samphire, 8*d.*; 1 lb. of capers, 10*d.*; 2 doz. bottles of claret, 1*li.* 4*s.*; spice, 1*s.* 6*d.*; rose water, 6*d.*; dates, 1*s.*; paper, 6*d.*; 6 lb. of beef suet, 3*s.*; cod's head, 7*s.*; oysters and shrimps, 3*s.*; 2 rabbits, 1*s.* 8*d.* Sum, 5*li.* 6*s.* 10*d.*

Amongst the other items are the following :—

A Cheshire cheese, in weight 40 lb., 1*li.*; oranges and lemons, 2*s.*; 8 "crambed chickens," 11*s.*; 8 tame pigeons, 8*s.*; 8 "chicken's peepers," 8*s.*; 2 lb. of sausages, 1*s.*; 2 lb. of white sugar, 1*s.* 4*d.*; "caraways and varges," 7*d.*; 4 geese, 16*s.*; 2 "jiggettes" of mutton, 13*s.*; 4 turkeys, 1*li.*; 1 bottle of white wine, 1*s.*; 4 carps, 12*s.*; 1 chine of salmon, 6*s.*; 4 soles, 5*s.*; 18 whitings, 3*s.*; 2 ducks, 5*s.*; pots and candlesticks, for a week, 4*li.* 11*s.* 8*d.*; candles, for a week, 8*li.* 11*s.*; in dice and casting boxes, for a week, 14*li.* 9*s.*; wine, for a week, 16*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; the cook's wages for himself and man, for a week, 3*li.*; the

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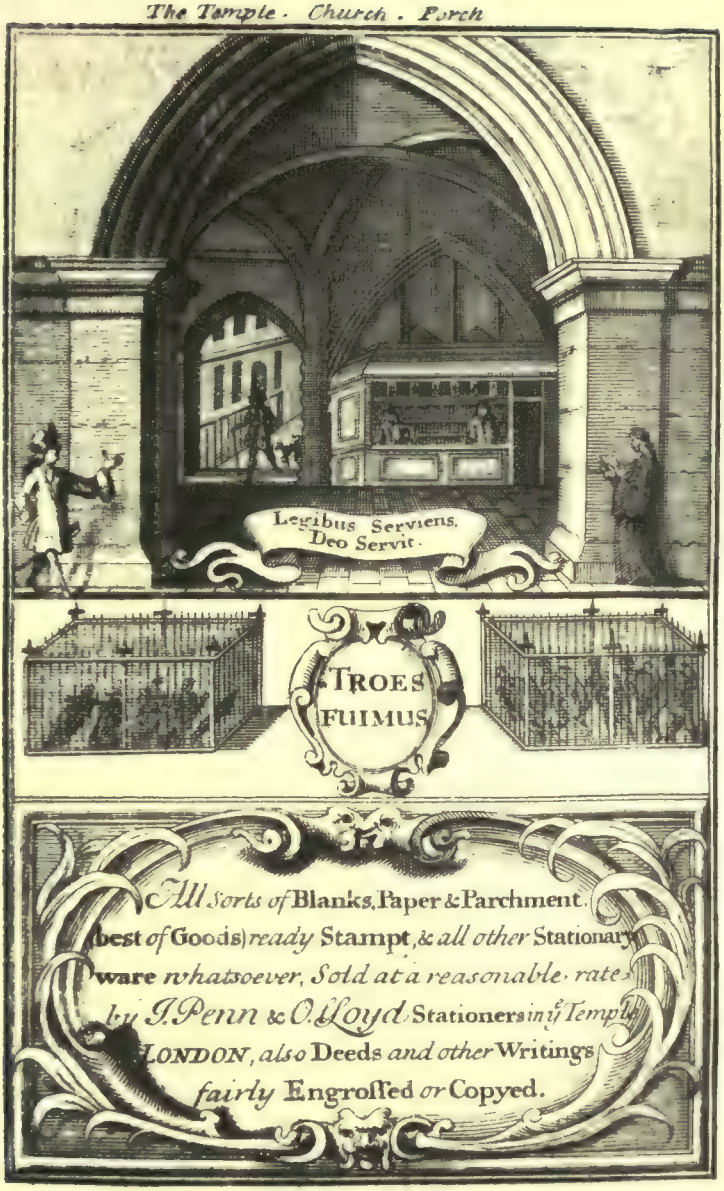
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steward's man, for a week, 2*li.* 10*s.*; the under cook, 15*s.*; for blowing the horn, 5*s.*; allowed Mr. Jane, the minister, 3*li.* 3*s.*; 18 fieldfares, 4*s.* 6*d.*; 8 fat chickens, 9*s.* 6*d.*; 2 leverets, 5*s.*; 3 dozen larks, 8*s.*; 6 green plovers, 12*s.*; 4 wood pigeons, 4*s.*; 8 sucking rabbits, 6*s.*; 2 bottles of Canary, 5*s.*; to the King's drummers, 3*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; dice and casting boxes, for a week, 65*li.* 1*s.*; tin money boxes, 1*li.* 8*s.* 6*d.*; a treat at Mr. Controller's chamber, 5*li.* 15*s.* 5*d.*; 2 tails of salmon, 15*s.*; and for the usher's bag and staff, 3*s.*

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on Saturday, 22 December, 1677.

Officers:—Weston, the controller; Mundy, the speaker; Prince, Gwillim, and Prideaux, stewards; Backwell, Pultney, and Darrell, the committee of music; Hooper, Trevor, and Jekill, auditors of the stewards' accounts.

Orders that the stewards respectively give in bonds in the penalty of 200*li.*, on Monday, to the speaker; that there be a private dinner to-morrow in the hall, and public commons begin on Monday; that the old order of paying in 20*s.* be revived, and the gentlemen pay the same before they come into commons.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 24 December.

Upon an account of the beer in the cellar, there remains, 90 barrels of small beer and 6 barrels of strong beer.

Orders that Ivory be one of the stewards in the room of Prince; and that Tonge be on the committee of music in place of Backwell.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 30 December.

Orders that the gentlemen of the bar, now in commons, have votes with the gentlemen under the bar; that Mr. Jane have the thanks of the House for his excellent sermon and have three broad pieces for his pains, and that the stewards give the same to the committee of music to deliver to him; that if two auditors audit the accounts it is sufficient, and the auditors be continued; that the stewards provide plates by to-morrow at noon in the hall, and that the poor have 10*s.* a week in lieu of the broken bread left at meals; that if any gentleman of the House come into the hall at dinner above twice, either by invitation or otherwise, he shall pay 2*s.* for a repast.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 4 January, 1677-8.

Orders that Christmas be continued on till further order; that the first week's accounts passed by the auditors be allowed; and that Grant, the younger, be admitted steward in the place of Prideaux, who shall have the thanks of the House for his great care and pains in the execution of his office.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 6 January.

Orders that Gwillim give security and take upon him the sole management of the office of steward; that no one in commons who is not an officer shall bring any guests into the hall without leave of the controller and steward; that the controller have power to bring in every meal four persons, the speaker, three, and the other officers, one each; that the moneys received for rent by the lord of misrule be continued in the hands of the speaker; that the thanks of the House be returned to Mr. Pengry for his excellent sermon, and the committee of music receive two guineas from Ivory to present to him.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held on 8 January.

Orders that six of the guards and two of the warders be discharged; that Gwillim treat with the box keepers concerning the furnishing of their own tables with dice; that the business of the stewards (the former stewards resigning their offices) may be managed by a committee, and that Abell, Dodd, and Gwillim be the persons appointed for the same; and that the moneys collected by the lord of misrule and deposited in the hands of the speaker, be delivered up to Abell, who is appointed the receiver of all moneys for the residue of this Christmas, and that he give in bond before he enters upon the said office.

MISCELLANEA.

1677-8, January 27. Order of the bench table that a fine of 20*li.* be imposed on John Wilkinson for his discharge from being reader for Clement's Inn.

1678? The case of Mr. Alston, member of the Inner Temple for thirty years, as to rebuilding his chamber.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

William Walker, John Treves, Nicholas Baxter, Nicholas Pottenger, Richard Prince, Lovett Crompton, John Allen, Francis Lloyd, Robert Browne, Richard Leavinge, Edward Hopton, George Lucy, William Jonas, Nicholas Hooper, James Mundy, Robert Blaney, William Church, and Thomas Newport called to the bar.

Order that the regulation of exercises be taken into consideration next term.

PARLIAMENT held on 26 January, 30 Charles II., A.D. 1678-9, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD POWELL, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Order that John Hoyle, formerly of Gray's Inn, be admitted to this society, *ad eundem statum.*

PARLIAMENT held on 18 February, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1678-9, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR GEORGE JEFFERYES, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Special admission of John Jefferyes, eldest son of Sir George Jefferyes, recorder.

Order that the masters of the bench, or any three of them, be a committee to hear all differences concerning the new buildings to be erected in Hare Court or elsewhere, which were destroyed by the late fire there, and they are to have power to treat with the Middle Temple.

PARLIAMENT held on 18 May, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1679, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Sir Thomas Foster, Farrar, West, Edwards, Wyatt, Heath, and Farrington be a committee to consider the petition of Tayler, of the Devil Tavern.

Order for the parliament to be adjourned.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment on 19 May, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1679, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FOSTER, THOMAS ROBINSON, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

"It is ordered and enacted *nemine contradicente* that the order made by the committee the last vacation, in compliance with Dr. Barebones' model, be declared void, and that the Cloisters shall be continued in the same place and same dimensions as before the fire."

Whereas the chambers over the Inner Temple buttery, wherein Sir John Heath stood admitted for his life, were lately burnt down, it is ordered that he shall have liberty to rebuild the same upon the same terms as any other builders have had in this society.

Mr. Newman shall have the like benefit of rebuilding his chamber.

Order that the committee appointed to treat with the Middle Temple, do view Gillmore's and Baxter's ground.

Order that Buckle be in the same condition in Hare's Court as Trottman, late deceased, was in all respects as to rebuilding.

Confirmation of an order by the committee of 20 February last, that the west side of Hare Court next the Middle Temple Lane, shall be built into four staircases, consisting of cellars, ground chambers, and three pair of stairs, without garrets, and that each staircase shall contain in front 30 ft. within the walls and in depth 38 ft. from out to out, and that at both ends of the said building such breaks as formerly shall be left for the preservation of the lights in Pump Court at the south end, and the chambers in the Middle Temple Lane at the north end, unless otherwise agreed upon by the several proprietors, and that the said several chambers in the four

respective staircases shall be built by the treasurer of the said society, and the several persons who, before the fire, had chambers on that side of Hare Court, in such places and manner as is hereinafter mentioned (that is to say) that at both ends of the said buildings and between each staircase there shall be a wall of brick, carried up 2 ft. above the tiles. In the first staircase, Mr. Appleford shall build the ground chamber next to Fleet Street; Mr. Robinson, the other ground chamber over against it; Mr. John Powell, the chamber one pair of stairs over Mr. Appleford's chamber and half the chamber next Hare Court; and Mr. Robinson the other half chamber next the Middle Temple Lane. On the other side of the staircase, Mr. Middlemore, the chamber over Mr. Powell; Mr. Minors, the chamber over Mr. Powell and Mr. Robinson; Mr. Treasurer over Mr. Middlemore; Mr. Carter over Mr. Minors. The second staircase, Mr. Robinson to build the ground chambers; one pair of stairs, Mr. Dawling, the chamber towards Fleet Street; Mr. Fountaine, the chamber against it; Mr. Armiger, over Mr. Fountaine; Mr. Webb over Mr. Dawling; Mr. Sands, over Mr. Armiger; Mr. Selby, over Mr. Webb. The third staircase, Mr. Hurst, the ground chamber towards Fleet Street; Mr. Browne, the chamber over against it, paying to Mr. Treasurer 40*li.* in hand; Mr. Poultney, the chamber over Mr. Hurst; Mr. Trinder, the chamber over Mr. Browne; Mr. Treasurer, over Mr. Poultney; Mr. Jefferies, over Mr. Trinder; Mr. Sumner over Mr. Treasurer; Mr. Treasurer over Mr. Jefferies. The fourth staircase, Mr. Treasurer both the ground rooms; Mr. Grainge both the chambers one pair of stairs; the Treasurer, the chamber next Fleet Street, over Mr. Grainge; Mr. Hall, the chamber over against it, next Pump Court, paying Mr. Treasurer 15*li.*; Mr. Treasurer, the chamber next Fleet Street; Mr. Jekill, the chamber over against it, next Pump Court, three pair of stairs high. Provision for the accommodation of members in the new buildings and the nomination of lives to the same by the builders.

Confirmation of an order by the committee of the bench for the encouragement of such gentlemen as shall undertake to build a staircase, that all gentlemen builders pay their moneys according to their articles.

Order that Mr. Robinson's garret chamber be consolidated with his chamber one pair of stairs.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 June, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1679, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, THOMAS ROBINSON, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Upon the report of Farrar that Taylor of the Devil's Tavern will not redress the nuisance of his building over against Hare Court, it is ordered that the said nuisance be abated by the House workmen, and the parliament will stand by them and save them harmless for their so doing.

On the reading of Middlemore's petition it was considered that Sir Robert Sawyer having an interest in the House chambers, the parliament cannot dispose thereof without his consent.

The consideration of Gilmore and Baxter's building deferred till next Parliament.

Appointment of Sir John Trevor, Robinson, Hampson, West, Longuevile, and Courtney as a committee touching Sir Robert Sawyer's act of parliament.

Order that the chief butler make up his rolls and leave a duplicate with the treasurer.

Special admission of Thomas Meeres, eldest son of Sir Thomas Meeres, at the request of Sir John Trevor.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 June, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1679, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR ROBERT SAWYER, THOMAS ROBINSON, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Special admission of Richard Buckby, eldest son of Buckby, of the bench, at the request of his father.

Liberty to Francis Fuller to appropriate a part of another cellar to his own cellar.

Order for Abbot to pay his duties.

The sums in arrear from Howland, Peirce and Walkingden respited till next parliament.

Order for the moiety of Tyrer's chamber belonging to Elwes to be seized.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 July, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1679, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS ROBINSON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Act of parliament for mortgaging the chambers newly built or being built on the west side of Hare Court for 496*li.* to Sir Robert Sawyer.

Whereas by an order of the last parliament in Easter term, Edwards and Keeling were desired to view and set out the ground in Fig Tree Court for the rebuilding of the chambers of Gilmore and Baxter, they report that the said Gilmore and Baxter may build to the farthermost extent of the Inner Temple ground in Fig Tree Court, next Vine Court, and in a straight line from the buttery wall towards Offley's chamber of the Middle Temple, in length 62½ ft. and in depth from Vine Court into Fig Tree Court, 31 ft. The said building to range with the quoin of the kitchen next to the said building. And they may build two storeys from the same foundation, that is to say, a ground chamber and one pair of stairs, and to cover the same with lead.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment, on 10 July, A.D. 1679, before THOMAS ROBINSON, THOMAS FARRAR, ROBERT HAMPSON, and others. SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer.

Licence to William Minors, chief butler, to enclose a small piece of ground containing 56 ft. by 20 ft., next Whitefriars wall, adjoining on the south to the new building lately erected by him, part thereof to be employed as a garden, and to build one storey upon the other part, and to cover the said building with lead.

Licence to Hampson of the bench to build over the ground chambers to be erected by Offley and Etkins, of the Middle Temple, and whereon, before the late fire, stood West's chambers, situated near the passage into the churchyard.

An act for building the staircase now set out in Hare's Court, adjoining to Pump Court, upon part of what was formerly the Middle Temple ground in Pump Court, and upon the waste ground in Hare's Court, and part of the old building there to be built according to the

model now agreed upon by both Houses, before the lord chancellor. Which staircase is to contain 54 ft. in front from east to west, and 42 ft. in depth from north to south. Further particulars of the building set out and regulations as to the lives and assignments granted to those undertaking the building.

Act that the toft where William Pettit's chamber stood before the fire shall be rebuilt in manner following, "First that an arch of five foot between the walls, shall be left against the church, between the building now standing and the building to be new raised upon the said toft, and that the toft or soil where the old passage into the Cloisters was, shall together with the aforesaid toft, be built into one staircase, consisting of cellars, ground rooms, and three pair of stairs, without garrets, thirty foot deep from out to out, and fifty-seven foot in length, and a fire wall to be made next the building now standing, and that the staircase shall be placed uniform next the church according to the model agreed on, the ground chamber not to rise above six steps, each step not exceeding seven [inches?] to a step in depth, and the outside of the lowest step to be pitched even with the outside of the said building." Pettit shall build the ground chambers; Gardner the chamber one pair of stairs, over the new arch; Wyott, Munday, Roberts, and Buckle to build the other chambers in the said building. The ground floor and one pair of stairs not to exceed 10 ft. in height from floor to ceiling, and the chambers two pair of stairs not to exceed 9 ft., and the north end of the said staircase to be rebuilt next Hare Court with a cant of 3 ft., if so great a cant be found necessary for preserving the ancient lights in the old buildings. Provisions for the nomination of lives and assignments to the said building.

Agreement between the treasurers and masters of the bench of the Inner Temple and Sir John Heath, of the bench. That Sir John Heath, his executors, administrators, and assigns shall at his or their costs and charges rebuild two storeys high over those butteries, called the Inner Temple outward and inward butteries, according to the same dimensions for length and breadth from out to out, and with such outlets to the north, not exceeding the extent they were of before the fire, and with such chimneys and windows as he or they shall find most convenient, and shall have a staircase or way to the same on the north side over and upon Newman's

lodgings as formerly, the first chambers of the said staircase not exceeding 10 ft. in height, and the second storey not exceeding 9½ ft. in height from floor to ceiling, and a roof over the same of timber covered with tiles or slate, with liberty to erect garrets within the rafters, only for the accommodation of the said lodgings. The said building to be covered by the end of Michaelmas term next. Care to be taken for the preservation of the butteries from the weather. The said Sir John to have the material saved from the burnt buildings, and to deposit the rubbish in the low places between the walks of the King's Bench Buildings, etc. Provisions for the nomination of three lives, and for the said Sir John to enjoy all the place where his lodgings, burnt in the late fire, formerly stood, and as to his disclaiming any right to all other bench chambers. The upper and lower chambers to be considered but one chamber.

Parliament held on 6 November, 31 Charles II., A.D. 1679, before Christopher Milton, Edmund West, Charles Holloway, and others. Thomas Farrar, treasurer.

Auditors:—Heath, Selby, Blincow, and Peachy, for the steward's accounts; Farrington, Sir John Keelynge, Simpson, and Goodfellow, for the treasurer's accounts.

Special admission of Charles Poultney, third son of Sir William Poultney, at the request of his father.

Treasurer:—Thomas Farrar.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 23 November, 1678.

Robinson, and others, appointed a committee to settle the sums to be paid for chambers in the northernmost staircase of the King's Bench Building, newly built by the late treasurer, and orders by the same committee.

Order[1] that all persons of the society who had not received the

[1] In the margin is "An order in pursuance of an order from the House of Lords concerning receiving of the sacrament."

communion within this twelvemonth, be summoned to take the oaths as the commission directs, and that the chief butler shall return the names of all such and others, as are commorant in the Temple, to the treasurer and benchers or any two of them, and the clerk shall attend with the Communion Book to examine the truth of the said return.

Order that the summons extend and be executed by the chief butler against all such as are commorant in the Temple; and that on 7 January, 1678-9, at the Library, at 3 o'clock, the commissioners are to meet, and before that time the butler to prepare and make such returns, as aforesaid, and in the mean time Hampson and Pollexfen to examine the statutes concerning the matter.

Order that the principals of Clement's Inn, Clifford's Inn, and Lyon's Inn shall make a like return to the benchers at the time and place aforesaid.

Bench Table held on 29 January, 1678-9.

West, and others, appointed a committee to remove rubbish, open passages, appoint guards, and do other necessary matters. Clark and Berry, the butlers, to attend them. The four *puisne* butlers are to watch by turns every night.

Bench Table held on 3 February, 1678-9.

Order that Robinson, Farrar, Holloway, and Sellby be added to the former committee, and to consider the various tofts of ground within the society, and also the ruinous buildings, walls, and chimneys, occasioned by the late fire, and an exchange with the Middle Temple.

Order that Minors shall take care to clear all those places that may be in danger of encroachment by the Middle Temple, viz.:— From Vine Court upon Fig Tree Court; from Vine Court to Hare Court by Powell's chamber; from Pump Court to Hare Court, where the Fine Office was; from Tremane's staircase and the Clerk of the Warrants, and the passage there; Newnam's chamber, [which] lieth in the angle betwixt the Cloisters of Vine Court, and Fig Tree Court.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 February, 1678-9.

Order that the whole table be of the committee for the burnt buildings, and report to the table every day at dinner what they think fit to be done.

BENCH TABLE held on 17 February, 1678-9.

Orders that Hampson, and others, be a committee to examine the workmen's petition; that the treasurer, Sir John Heath, and Robinson shall wait upon the Lord Chancellor concerning the buildings about the church; that the Recorder have the use of the chamber next adjoining his own; that the chief cook and Smith, the butler, be restored into commons; and as to "the agreement about putting out of Margaret Temple and the security to be left with Mr. Treasurer."

BENCH TABLE held on 18 February, 1678-9. Present:—SIR JOHN HEATH, ROBINSON, HAMPSON, WEST, EDWARDS, and others.

Order that the chamber of Sir John Heath, part of the bench chamber enjoyed before the fire, be put in repair.

BENCH TABLE held on 20 February, 1678-9.

Order that the west side of Hare Court, next the Middle Temple Lane, shall be built into four staircases, consisting of cellars, ground chambers, and three pair of stairs, without garrets; with other provisions regarding the same buildings.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 February, 1678-9. Present:—SIR THOMAS HANMER, ROBINSON, HAMPSON, and EDWARDS.

Order for rebuilding the toft in Hare Court next Vine Court, and for the builders to have the same interest as the builders on the west side.

BENCH TABLE held on 12 March, 1678-9.

Order for the encouragement of gentlemen to undertake to build a staircase, burnt down in the late fire.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 May, 1679.

Order that Sir John Heath, Sir Robert Sawyer, Sir George Jefferies, Robinson, Hampson, West, Edwards, and Heath, be a committee to meet a committee of the Middle Temple, viz.:— Northey, Lechmore, Trollop, Collins, Staples, Whitlock, Edward Smith, and Thomas Smith about building.

Orders that the state and condition of the House be taken into consideration on Tuesday next, at dinner; and that Buckle's case be referred to the treasurer and Edwards.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 May, 1679.

Orders that the affairs of Saunderfeild be referred to West, Edwards, and Selby; and that three of the committee shall meet three of the Middle Temple in the Rounds and report what they have done.

BENCH TABLE held on 21 May, 1679.

Order "that it be in the first place insisted upon that there be a conveyance made from the Middle Temple to the Inner Temple, according to our ancient interest, to persons to be by us nominated, and that the committee formerly appointed be pleased to prepare a conveyance to be offered to the table accordingly, as soon as may be."

Orders that Vine Court be put into the same condition as it was before the first treaty since the fire; and that the parties interested in the south-east part of Hare's Court shall have liberty to build their several chambers according to the first order, Buckle standing in the place of Trottman, deceased.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 May, 1679.

Memorandum, that the following order was entered out of place. That the putting off by the Middle Temple of the meeting till after Sunday next, on which day our parliament is to be held, will be so prejudicial to our gentlemen who are concerned in Hare's Court that we think it reasonable to proceed without them, and in the meantime

we expect the Middle Temple to stay their building in Vine Court, so that our ancient lights may not be obstructed in Hare Court till matters are adjusted between us.

BENCH TABLE held on 21 May, 1679.

Orders that the chief butler shall summon the committee to meet concerning the Devil Tavern; and that Gillmore and Baxter shall attend Powell, Edwards, and Keeling to-morrow for settling their foundations in Fig Tree Court.

BENCH TABLE held on 23 May, 1679.

Order that the arrears of the master's and lecturer's wages be referred to Wyatt, and others, who shall also consider how best to prevent failure of exercises.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 May, 1679.

Order, for an appointment to meet the Middle Temple, and that care be taken that the chimneys in the lodging adjoining the church, be pulled down.

Order "that all members of this society now in town, who have not received the sacrament within a year last past, and cannot bring a certificate thereof, do receive the sacrament on Sunday sevennight next, being the 1st of June, in the Temple Church, or else incur the penalty in the same order mentioned."

"That notice be given to the master of the Temple or the reader that a sacrament be in the Temple Church on Sunday come sevennight next, being the first of June."

Orders for the attendance of the masters of the bench and the gentlemen in arrear for their chambers in King's Bench Buildings.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 May, 1679.

Orders that Robinson, and others, be a committee to inquire into the debts of the House; that Sir Thomas Foster, and others, be a committee to view the joiner's shop over the engine house.

An account of the debts owing by and to the House.

Memoranda that Lee, who is not admitted, bought a chamber of Sir John Parsons; that the collection of the money owing to the House be hastened; that no bench chambers be made for a year ensuing; that two bottles of wine only be allowed to the upper mess of the bench table and one to every other mess, and the wine to be set on the table; to speak about the Middle Temple building in Vine Court; to direct the Chancery practisers to take the speediest course for taking the bill in Chancery against the Middle Temple, off the file; that a roll of duties in arrear be made; to see what has become of Bullock's and Weaver's money; and that all bonds be delivered up to the present treasurer by the precedent treasurer.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 June, 1679.

Orders that Legh shall pay all commons due to the time of his submission, and that Farrington and Keeling shall view the plot near White Friars, which Fuller requested of the House to be adjoined to his chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 June, 1679.

Order that Sir John Heath's act be deferred till the last parliament of this term.

BENCH TABLE held on 30 June, 1679.

Orders that the chambers of Peirce and Walkinden be seized in default of payment of the rates set upon them, and that Powell, the last treasurer, being indebted to the House, as is shown by his account, shall pay the amount of his debt before the next parliament.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 July, 1679.

Order that Hampson be admitted to build in the place where West's chamber was before the fire.

Certificate by Thomas Newman that he had adjusted his accounts with John Stanbrooke.

BENCH TABLE held on 27 October, 1679. Present:—SIR THOMAS HANMER, treasurer, THOMAS ROBINSON, ROBERT HAMPSON, EDMUND WEST, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, ANTHONY FARRINGTON, and RICHARD HEATH.

Orders for the payment of the sum due to John Stanbrooke, limeman; for Hampson, Farrington, and Heath, to view the drains in Mitre Court; and for a door to be made to the cellar in Keeling's staircase.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 November, 1679.

Orders for the masters of the bench to be a committee to consider the affairs of the House, and to meet every Friday night; for Spooner's petition to be referred to the same committee; and for notice to be given to the Middle Temple that the passage through Fig Tree Court may be opened.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 November, 1679.

Order that the matter of Langhorne's chamber be put off till the last parliament of this term, and that notice be given in the mean time to Sir William Langhorne to prove the payment of the fine, otherwise, upon default, it shall be disposed of by the House.

Order that the petitions be referred to the Friday night committee.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir Thomas Hanmer, knight, solicitor general of the Queen, treasurer, from 3 November, 1678, to 4 November, 1679.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Of Buckby, being the gift of Lady Rainsford and Lady Littleton towards the repair of the church windows, 10*li.*	To William Sore, the porter, for several men's watching and warding from 3 Nov., 1678, to 16 Nov., 4*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*
Of Lady Wylde, for the like use, 10*li.*	Given away on Sunday night, 26th January, and Monday, 27th, at the time of the fire in the Temple, for drink and candles and links, 2*li.* 10*s.*
Of Serjeant Crooke, as a present towards repairs since the fire, 20*li.*	

To Thomas Carter, for carrying the linen and books out of the library, 1*s.* 6*d.*

To two men, for moving books out of the library, 2*s.*

To several men, for helping to save the west end of the hall, 2*li.*

To 48 men, for watching and putting out the fire on Monday night, 4*li.* 16*s.*

To seven watermen, 1*li.* 15*s.*

To seven other men, that were recommended in the time of the fire, 17*s.* 6*d.*

To seven other men, that were wounded in the time of the fire, 17*s.* 6*d.*

To Nash's men, that helped about the hall in the time of the fire, 3*li.*

To five men, for working during the fire, 10*s.*

To Cresser, the House carpenter, to discharge all those men concerned in pulling down Powell's Building, 5*li.*

To my man, for carrying lead from the end of the hall, 1*s.*

To Thomas Silver, 10*li.*, to be divided between eight engineers, and 2 guineas for himself, 12*li.* 2*s.*

To Mr. Recorder's man, for money laid out for links and candles, on Monday night, in the fire time, 9*s.* 6*d.*

To Mr. Essington, of Houndsditch, 2*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, being money laid out by him at the time of the fire, 10*s.*, to buy him a pair of gloves by order of the masters of the bench, 2*li.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

To the said Mr. Essington, for six buckets that were lost in the fire time, 1*li.* 4*s.*

To three New River Watermen, for breaking open pipes in the fire time, 2*s.* 6*d.*

To George Cooke, for powder used in the time of the fire, by order of the committee, 3*li.* 10*s.*

To Mr. Crouch and my man, for money laid out by them for carrying away Mr. Langhorne's goods, books, writings, and papers out of his chamber in the fire time. For watching them and carrying them back again, and for cleansing the chamber, 5*li.*

To William Clarke and George Berry, for several men's watching and warding, from 29 Jan. to 7 Feb., at the rate of 1*s.* a night for watching, and 8*d.* a day for warding, 8*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Cresser, the carpenter, for work done in the hall, 7*li.* 4*s.* 3*d.*

To Newman, the bricklayer, for work done after the fire, 20*li.* 12*s.* 2*d.*

To Davies, the glazier, for work done after the fire, 30*li.*

To Cresser, the carpenter, in part for work done by him in building the King's Bench Office, 10*li.*

For a padlock to put on Reading's chamber, 2*s.*

To Mills, the porter, for candles used about the House by watchmen, 15*s.*

To Sore, the porter, to pay William Burt for watching 14 nights, at 1*s.* a night, at Reading's chamber, 16*s.* 3*d.*

To two men, for the first night's watching at Reading's chamber, 3*s.* 4*d.*

To John Playford, clerk, for disbursements for the church for a year, 3*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

To Samuel Binion, for watching at the breach in the Temple wall, from 8 Aug. to 5 Sept., and for candles, 1*li.* 10*s.* 9*d.*

To Davies, the glazier, for work done at the east end of the church, 1*li.* 7*s.* 3*d.*

To John Duncomb, one of the Queen's receivers, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To Captain Hammond, for wine, 45*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

Sum of the receipts, 568*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

Sum of the disbursements, 555*li.* 14*s.* 11*d.*

And so there remains with 4*li.* paid to the treasurer's clerk, 9*li.* 2*s.* 7*d.*

Account of William Minors, chief butler, from 3 November, 1678, to 4 November, 1679.

Receipts.

From Beaumont, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent, 4*li.*

Disbursements.

For staves, tobacco, and wands for Michaelmas Grand day, 16*s.*

To the master of the revels at several times, by order of the masters of the bench, 14*li.*

Payments to Dr. Woodroffe and Dr. Ball.

For faggots for bonfires, 4*li.* 18*s.*

To the musicians, their yearly fee, 4*li.*

To William Mills, for candles in watching and searching Langhorne's chamber, and upon several occasions about the fire, 2*li.* 5*s.*

To the labourers, for carrying the books, reader's coat of arms, and the rest of the things out of the libraries, 2*li.* 10*s.*

For a press for the books and bonds in Mr. Minors' house, to be returned when the library is built, 2*li.* 10*s.*

"For porters and messengers about buckets, and for gunpowder, and other workmen in and about the fire," 4*li.*

For a reader's escutcheon, 5*s.*

For three drafts of the House grounds, 15*s.*

For coach hire, to invite my lord chancellor and judges against the Grand Day and to the link boy, 8*s.*

For coach hire for the bench to attend my lord chancellor and judges about the House building, 6*s.*

For coach hire, for Powell of the bench to the Duke of Monmouth's, 4*s.*

For copies of Alderman Bateman's letter from the treasurer of the Middle Temple for our bench, 2*s.*

For seizing Allington in the mint and carrying him before the recorder, 10*s.*

For carrying three persons by water about a letter found directed to my Lord Powis and shewed to the Secretary of State, 3*s.*

For writing three hundred of tickets, delivered at gentlemen's chambers by order of the House of Lords, and to give notice to receive the sacrament, and deliver them at each chamber with a witness, 1*li.* 10*s.*

For two copies of Sir Robert Sawyer's Act, 5*s.*

For two years fee farm to the Queen's receiver, 20*li.*

To Mr. Rogers, the lecturer, for one year's salary for reading prayers "in the Inner Temple church," 15*li.*

Sums claimed by the accountant for the vacations, for the Christmas vacation, being six weeks and a half, for Lent vacation, being thirteen weeks, for the little vacation, being two weeks and a half, and for the long vacation, being fifteen weeks.

Sum of the receipts, 353*li.* 18*s.*

Sum of the disbursements, 384*li.* 18*s.* 11*d.*

So there remains due to the accountant, 31*li.* 11*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1679. Bill of complaint filed by the treasurer and benchers of the Inner Temple in the court of Chancery against the benchers of the Middle Temple, as to the bounds and jurisdictions of the two inns.

1679? Order of parliament as to the security to be given to Sir Robert Sawyer for money advanced for rebuilding the chambers on the west side of Hare's Court.

1679. Assignment by William Minors to Sir Thomas Hanmer for the use of the society of the Inner Temple of all his right to a cellar chamber in the King's Bench Buildings under Serjeant Simpson's chamber.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 32 (*sic*) Charles II., A.D. 1679, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS ROBINSON, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Nathaniel Readeinge, an utter barrister, expelled.

Order for a shed to be annexed to Christopher Sparkes' chamber.

Order for the treasurer to dispose of a chamber in Fig Tree Court where Berkley Hanson, deceased, was admitted.

John Hillersden, Wright Crooke, Samuel Howland, Edward Loggin, John Sandys, Charles Musters, and Edward Perrott called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 29 January, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1679-80, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR GEORGE JEFFERIES, recorder of the city of London, THOMAS ROBINSON, and others, THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Special admission of Thomas Simpson, eldest son of Sir John Simpson, serjeant at law, and grandchild of Sir Thomas Twisden, late a Justice of the King's Bench; and of Charles Baker, son of John Baker, late of Windsor in the county of Berks, esquire, at the request of Thomas Farrar, treasurer.

"Whereas there hath of late been great failure of exercise, both in term and in vacation, principally occasioned by such members of the society who having no chamber in the House, contrary to ancient rules and orders of this society, do upon their call to the bar immediately leave the society and seldom appear in the House to do

their exercise, whereby other fellows of the said society that have done their exercise are by the ancient orders of the House liable to be amerced as well as themselves." It is therefore ordered that all members that have chambers and have performed their exercises, shall, upon their call to the bar, deposit the sum of 4*li.* only, being the usual caution money paid at their call. And those who have performed their exercises, and have no chambers, shall upon their call to the bar and before the next parliament wherein they are to be confirmed, and before they are sworn, pay the sum of 50*li.* caution money, which, upon buying a chamber and discharging all duties then due, shall be repaid, save only 4*li.*, the usual caution money.

William Yorke, John Edwards, Edmund Prideaux, Richard Leighton, Edward Owen, Grimbald Paunceford, James Sloane, Daniel Disney, John Hawkins, Owen Norton, Richard Fincham, Thomas Oliver, William Clarke, Philip Farwell, and Thomas Sturt are called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1679-80, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS ROBINSON, ROBERT HAMPSON, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

The petition of Nicholas Young and John Young, two of the masons belonging to the society, that as 200*li.* is due to them for work done, they may have the liberty of disposing of a chamber three pair of stairs north over the narrow passage leading into Whitefriars for 150*li.*

Order for the nomination of lives to the chambers newly built.

Order that the vacation barristers shall next Lent vacation keep in commons until the first Sunday in Lent, which is the grand reading week, and no longer, and the same shall be taken in lieu of a full vacation.

Order that Sir Thomas Hanmer, Robinson, Hampson, West, and other members of the bench table in town or any two of them, shall be a standing committee for transacting all affairs and concerns of the House relating to Newman's Buildings, the Cloisters, the conveyance of the Temple, the drain in Hare Court, the cellar in Hampson's new buildings, and all other matters arising in the said

society, and all their acts to be confirmed the first parliament in Easter term.

Orders for Newnham to have two lives and an assignment as other builders; that the chimney built by Wheeler next Robinson's building be respited; and that Minors, the chief butler, shall have till next parliament to nominate lives to his chambers.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before THOMAS ROBINSON, JOHN MOSYER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Sir John Boynton and Sir Francis Manly, knights, called to the bench.

Order that Hampson, West, Mosyer, Holloway, Edwards and Farrington be a committee to consider Newnham's building over the Cloisters.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 May, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before THOMAS ROBINSON, JOHN MOSIER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Special admission of Francis Pemberton, son of Sir Francis Pemberton, serjeant at law, at the request of his father.

Agreement with Sir William Drake as to his tenure of the Fine Office in Hare's Court.

Samuel Floyer called to be an associate to the bar.

Nominations to the new chambers on the west side of Hare Court.

Michael Newnham, an utter barrister, to have the same terms in his chamber, erected over the Cloisters, as the rest of the builders on the west side of Hare Court.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS ROBINSON, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Order that the padlocking of Robert Abbot's chamber be respited till next parliament.

Cornelius Manly called to the bar.

Nominations to the chambers on the west side of Hare Court.

Upon the petition of Thomas Williams, stationer, setting out that he had been tenant of the society 28 years, and being in the year 1666 burnt down, did about 1668 obtain permission to build certain shops in Tanfield Court, of which he was given a term of thirty-one years, at a yearly rent of 6*li.*; and that in the late fire, by order of the benchers, his said shops were pulled down, since which time he has rebuilt them. He prays for an increase of his term and abatement of his rent. Whereupon it is ordered he shall have the term of thirty-one years at the rent of 6*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before THOMAS ROBINSON, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

William Minors, chief butler, to have time granted him for twelve months to nominate lives to his chambers in the lowermost building next the River of Thames.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 June, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before THOMAS ROBINSON, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Licence to William Minors, the chief butler, to assign his interest in certain buildings erected by him, to Robert Wynne.

Order as to the nomination of lives, etc., to Hampson's buildings.

PARLIAMENT held on 1 July, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, JOHN MOSYER, ANTHONY FARRINGTON, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Order that a committee of the whole table or any three of them do meet in the vacation if any difference should arise betwixt this society and the Middle Temple.

The election of the reader to be respited to Michaelmas term.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 November, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS ROBINSON, and others. THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer.

Auditors:—Heath, Longuevile, Peachy, and Clendon, for the steward's accounts; and Farrington, Courtney, Wright, and Goodfellow, for the treasurer's accounts.

Order that Thomas Webling, in consideration of his discharging 100*li.* debt from the society to Thomas Newman, bricklayer, and upon payment of 50*li.* to Mrs. Langhorne, her trustee, or assigns, shall be admitted to the chamber, late of Mr. Langhorne, in the Inner Temple Lane, and upon payment of the said 50*li.* he is to have a discharge from Sir William Langhorne and all others concerned and entrusted for Mrs. Langhorne.

Order that Mr. Solicitor Finch, Sir John Heath, Sir Thomas Hanmer, Sir John Trevor, and Sir Robert Sawyer, his Majesty's learned counsel at law, be requested to attend his Majesty touching the papers, books, and writings in Langhorne's chamber, that they may be forthwith disposed of.

Order that 25*li.* be paid out of the treasury to Mrs. Langhorne.

Treasurer:—Thomas Robinson, chief prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 November, 1679.

Christopher Spark's petition referred to Farrington, Heath, and John Keeling.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 November, 1679.

Orders that the matter of Courthop's chamber be referred as above; that Walker be fined 10*s.*, because his laundress emptied a chamber pot out of the window; that Spark may build a shed near his chamber in Ram Alley; and that the petition of Middlemore be referred to Hampson and Edwards.

BENCH TABLE held on 10 November, 1679.

Order that the head butler attend Powell and West touching the conveyance made to the Inner Temple.

BENCH TABLE held on 12 November, 1679.

Orders that Roberts and Buckle attend the table to-morrow and that the act of parliament for building be then brought to the table; that the head butler attend Milton, of the bench, for his duties, otherwise that he be proceeded against by the laws of the House, and that the said butler demand 4*li.* from Milton, the son, for caution money.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 November, 1679.

Orders that application be again made to Milton, and if his duties be not paid by Saturday, the table will proceed to padlock his chambers; that none of his charges be allowed for repairing his chamber, unless he show better cause; and that the chief butler give an account daily what duties he has received.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 November, 1679.

Order that Milton and Powell have notice to be at the table to-morrow at dinner, to give their final answer as to not paying their duties; the like order for Wirley.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 November, 1679. Present:—THOMAS FARRAR, treasurer, THOMAS ROBINSON, HUMPHREY WIRLEY, and ROBERT HAMPSON.

Orders that Wirly's chamber, which is now made into an office, shall be discharged from payment of commons and other duties, so long as the same continues an office; that the chief butler again attend Powell about his duties and about the delivery of all books, bonds, and other writings concerning the House; that every warrant be delivered to the chief butler; and that all admissions be void unless

they are entered into the Admission Book within a term of being made.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 (*sic*) November, 1679.

Whereas there are great sums of money owing by the society to workmen and other officers of this society which cannot be discharged unless the several members do faithfully pay their several duties, it is ordered that all arrears of duties be paid.

BENCH TABLE held on 17 November, 1679.

"Whereas there hath of late been great failure of exercise both in term and vacation, principally occasioned by such members of the society who upon their call to the bar immediately leave the society and seldom appear in the House to do their exercise, whereby the fellows of the said society that have done their exercise are by the ancient order of this House liable to be amerced as well as themselves," it is ordered that all such members as have chambers, upon their call shall deposit the sum of 4*li.*, being the usual caution money paid at their call, and that all others having no chambers upon call to the bar and before the next parliament after they are to be confirmed, pay the sum of 50*li.*, which upon buying a chamber and paying all duties, shall be repaid, less 4*li.* for caution money.

BENCH TABLE held on 2 February, 1679-80.

Orders for Sir Thomas Foster and Milton to pay their duties; and for Bagnall and Thomas Foster to attend the table.

BENCH TABLE held on 5 February, 1679-80.

The matters concerning Wheeler's chamber referred to Sir Thomas Hanmer and others.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 February, 1679-80.

Orders for Sir Thomas Forster to pay forthwith; Milton to be written to that he do the same; for Edwards and Hampson to settle

Fountaine's and Middlemore's chamber; and for Thomas Farmer, the reader for Clifford's Inn, to be discharged his reading upon payment of 20*li.*

BENCH TABLE held on 30 April, 1680.

Orders that the chief butler go to Box and give him notice to build upon the old ground where the library was built; that the Crown Office be viewed and speedy care taken to set up the same again; that the rubbish in the churchyard and in the Middle Temple be removed, and the chief butler speak with Buck of the Middle Temple to join in the charge; that Newnham attend the table touching his arrears of duties; that the persons concerned in the west side of Hare Court meet at the treasurer's chamber; and that consideration be had and taken with the Middle Temple concerning the conveyances between the two Houses.

BENCH TABLE held on 10 (*sic*) May, 1680.

Order that Newnham have 18 ft. to rebuild his building burnt down, "and the form to be built as the old cloisters were built and the same height."

BENCH TABLE held on 3 May, 1680.

Orders that John, eldest son of Sir George Jefferys, the king's serjeant, be admitted to both his father's chambers; that Fuller and Cardrow, two of the readers of the Inns of Chancery, continue their exercises as formerly.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 May, 1680.

The disposal of the chambers under the King's Bench Office referred to Robinson and others.

Orders for the chief butler to bring in a list of those who had paid their duties; and for Courtopp to attend touching the nuisance in his chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 May, 1680.

Order that "my masters of the bench," hereafter named, or any three of them, be a committee to attend the Lord Chancellor about the conveyance of the Temples, viz.:—Sir John Heath, Robinson, Holloway, Sir William Poultny, Edwards, Farrington, and Heath.

Order that the chief butler wait on the masters of the bench, who are now absent from the table, to meet at Westminster by 7 o'clock in the court that was erected for trial of the lords, viz.:—Farrar, treasurer, Sir John Heath, Sir Thomas Hanmer, Sir John Trevor, Sir Robert Sawyer, Sir Thomas Foster, Robinson, Holloway, Sir William Poultney, Edwards, Heath, Selby, Wyott, Johnson, Farrington, Pollexfen, Keck, and Courtney.

BENCH TABLE held on 19 May, 1680.

Order that upon Newnham paying his duties, the pillars of the cloister over which he is to build his chambers, shall be forthwith erected, and that with as much speed as conveniently may be, by the treasurer.

Orders that duties in arrear be paid; that the whole table be a committee to receive proposals for rebuilding the chambers in Paper Buildings; that Mosyer and others be a committee to examine the debt of John Wise, the plumber, and to examine the weight of the lead he received which formerly covered the library.

BENCH TABLE held on 21 May, 1680.

Order that Cornelius Manly, son of Sir Francis Manly, serjeant at law, be admitted at the next parliament, and at the first parliament of next term he shall be called to the bar.

Orders that the difference with Fountaine as to the west side of Hare Court be referred to Robinson and Edwards; that Floyer be admitted an associate to the bar; that the matters in difference about Wheeler's chamber in Robinson's Building be referred to Sir

John Trevor and others; that the matters concerning Everard's chamber in the King's Bench Building be referred to Mosyer and others.

BENCH TABLE held on 22 May, 1680.

Re-appointment of the committee touching the plumber's bill; and orders as to the chambers of Serjeant Pemberton, Howland, and Serjeant Hampson.

BENCH TABLE held on 17 June, 1680.

Orders that the chambers of Collwall, Gurdon, Leavetts, Sackville, Vane, Wentworth, and Wheeler be padlocked, and Prideaux to have notice to pay; that the said persons be first summoned to appear at the table.

BENCH TABLE held on 18 June, 1680.

Orders that the chambers of Abbot and Baynes be padlocked, unless they pay their duties; that Cure pay his duties or attend the table; that Ward, Shurland, and John Lee pay their duties; that Hancock, Giles Duncomb, and Collwall attend the table; and that Robert Abbot pay 21*li.* for a composition of his duties.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 June, 1680. Present:—The treasurer, EDWARDS, ROBINSON, FARRINGTON, HOLLOWAY, and others.

Orders that Courtopp and Farmer attend the table; that upon the reading of the petition of John Stanbrooke, his debt be the first discharged.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 July, 1680.

Order that a committee of the whole House, in the absence of the treasurer, do consider and settle the affairs of the House, and the matters of difference between the House and the Middle Temple.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 July, 1680.

Order that Richard Middlemore's petition, touching an exchange of his chamber, "being before in the staircase next Fleet Street on the west side of Hare's Court," burnt down by the late dreadful fire, be granted.

BENCH TABLE held on 2 (*sic*) July, 1680. Present:—FARRAR, treasurer, ROBINSON, EDWARDS, WYOTT, POLLEXFEN, FARRINGTON, and COURTNEY.

Order touching the rebuilding of William Gwillim's chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 October, 1680. Present:—SIR THOMAS HANMER, ROBINSON, HOLLOWAY, EDWARDS, FARRINGTON, and HEATH.

Order that the whole bench table be a committee to examine into the pulling down of the pillar under Newnham's chamber in the last vacation, and to report to the table before the next parliament. The committee to meet in the library, and Pettit and Newnham to attend.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 October, 1680.

Order that the gates into White Friars be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in winter, and from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. in summer.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 November, 1680.

Orders that Serjeant West have liberty to nominate another life, and that Holloway and others be a committee to examine the accounts of Smith, the steward.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Thomas Farrer, treasurer, from 7 November, 1679, to 7 November, 1680.

Receipts.

From Thomas Farmer for his fine for being excused reader in Clifford's Inn in respect of his sickness, 20*li.*

Moneys received upon the subscriptions towards the building of the hall and library:

From John Keeling, his Majesty's serjeant at law, 20*li.*
From Serjeant Croke, 20*li.*
From Serjeant Hampson, 10*li.*
From Serjeant West, 10*li.*
From Serjeant Boynton, 20*li.*
From Serjeant Buckby, 20*li.*
From Serjeant Manley, 20*li.*
From Thomas Farrer, treasurer, 10*li.*
From Mr. Solicitor Finch, 20*li.*
From Sir Thomas Hanmer, 20*li.*
From Sir Robert Sawyer, 20*li.*
From Thomas Robinson, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, 20*li.*
From John Mosyer, Richard Edwards, Edwin Wyott, Anthony Farrington, Henry Pollexfen, Richard Heath, Anthony Keck, William Longuevile, Johnson, Selby, and Courtney, 10*li.* each.
From Serjeant Hampson, for his fine for his chamber, 60*li.*
Total, 380*li.*

Receipts by William Minors, chief butler.

From Beaumont, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, 4*li.*

Disbursements.

To Justice Dolben, on 4 Dec. and 19 Feb., 40*li.*

Payments to Dr. Ball, Dr. Woodroffe, and Rogers, the reader.

To Stanton, the stone cutter, for making and erecting the pillars in the Cloister (July 2nd), 20*li.*

To Samuel Cozens, for building the wall towards the water side near the King's Bench Office, 16*li.*

"To Serjeant Hampson, for the draft of the conveyance of the Middle Temple, and to his man for writing, 12*s.* 6*d.*"

Various payments for nursing and burying foundlings.

For candles burnt at the Temple Gate, 1*li.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

To Humphrey Stich, mason, for work done in Mitre Court, 3*li.* 17*s.*

To Richard Dutton, the glass painter, for work done in getting up in the windows the King's arms in the Temple church, 4*li.*

To Garland, the painter, for work done in the library, 17*li.*

To William Rownthwaite, towards wainscotting the library, 89*li.*

To Cressar, the carpenter, for work done upon the building of the library, 220*li.*

Disbursements by William Minors, chief butler.

To the serjeants upon their taking leave of the House, with seven purses, 35*li.* 10*s.*

To Daniel Ireland, the glazier, for work done in the "Inner Temple Church," 1*li.* 4*s.*

To Cleare, the surveyor, in part of his service and for drawing several drafts

for the designs of the new buildings, 3*li.* 10*s.*

"To the labourers for three several times throwing in the earth upon the Middle Temple, digging their foundation in the Cloisters, 3*li.*"

To the labourers, pulling down the porter's lodge, 2*li.*

For coach hire, for the bench several times attending my Lord Chancellor about the Cloisters, 16*s.*

Total of the receipts, 1,807*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Total disbursements, 1,806*li.* 18*s.* 11*d.*

So the accountant is indebted to the succeeding treasurer, 7*s.* 9*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 32 Charles II., A.D. 1680, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR JOHN TREVOR, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Orders that the report of the view of Longley's chamber in Paper Buildings and the election of reader be respited.

Order that an information be brought against all those who have had a hand in pulling down the pillar in the Cloisters under Newnam's Buildings.

Special admission of Charles Poultney, son of Sir William Poultney, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

John Adams, John Ludford, Robert Bennett, Thomas Trevor, Daniel Foucaut, Lewis Buckle, Robert Dodsworth, John Backwell, John Vaughan, and Gilbert Dolben, are called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1680-1, before THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD EDWARDS, EDWIN WYATT, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Proposals read and agreed upon, that a committee be appointed to examine the debts to the House by members for pensions and preacher's duties; to settle the rolls of vacations and amercements; to have liberty to compound with persons in arrear for vacations and amercements; to meet thrice a week in the vacation and every Friday night during term; to receive from the steward and chief butler every man's answer of refusal to pay the same. The committee to consist of any three of the bench and such number of the bar and others as they shall think fit to meet with.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 February, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1680-1, before THOMAS FARRAR, RICHARD EDWARDS, EDWIN WYATT, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that the rubbish in the churchyard be forthwith removed.

Order that the participants in the building on the west side of Hare's Court do show cause why they do not raise the 35*li.* that was to be paid by them to the House, which they undertook to pay on the account of Mr. Appleford.

Special admission of Richard Croke, eldest son of George Croke, an utter barrister, brother of Serjeant Croke, at the request of the said serjeant.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 February, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1680-1, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that commons be broken up on Saturday, and the vacation barristers discharged of their forfeitures.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 May, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1681, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS FARRAR, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Sir Thomas Hanmer, the Queen's solicitor and K.C., chosen reader.

Order for an act to be passed for the better ordering of reading.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 June, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1681, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER, attorney general, SIR JOHN HEATH, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that Whitlock Deane shall attend the table to show cause why he permits any stranger to inhabit his chamber, and why a door is made to the prejudice of the other gentlemen in that building.

PARLIAMENT held on 19 June, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1681, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Special admission of John Farrington, son of Farrington of the bench.

Order for the two chambers of Sir Robert Sawyer to be consolidated.

Order that every person already called to the bench who has not read, shall from henceforth pay into the hands of the treasurer, as he stands in seniority for the time of reading, the term before he is in turn to read, the sum of 100*li.* or read (in case that the other societies of the Inns of Court shall at the same time read), and in case he shall then by writing to the said treasurer disclaim the benefit and advantage of any right to a bench chamber, then to pay no more than the said 100*li.*, and he shall then be accepted as an actual reader as if he had read; but in case he declare that he expects a bench chamber, he shall pay the further sum of 50*li.* In case any person should refuse to pay the said 100*li.* or to read, he shall be disabled from being a bencher. And everyone called up to the bench table as a bencher, shall pay at his call before he shall take his place the sum of 50*li.*, and also in his turn, when he shall come to read, pay the further sum of 50*li.* or read, and shall also then either disclaim or make his election to a bench chamber in writing, and upon such election shall pay the further sum of 50*li.*, and shall have one bench chamber, when the same shall fall to him. If he shall refuse to pay the said sum or read, he shall be disabled from being a bencher.

Every person henceforth called to be an associate to the bench shall pay 50*li.* before he take his place at the bench table.

Provided that if any person called to the bench table in order to read, shall actually read or die before it shall come to his turn, the said sum of 50*li.* shall be returned to him or his executor or administrator.

Provided that nothing in this act shall be taken to the prejudice of the present interest of Sir Thomas Hanmer and Edwin Wyatt, in respect of bench chambers.

Order that if the windows of any bencher or any other member

be broken for "asserting of and adhering to the government of this society, such windows shall be repaired out of the treasury of this society."

Order that the officers of this society shall be indemnified for what they have done or shall do in obedience to the orders of the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 November, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1681, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Edwin Wyatt chosen reader.

Special admission of Thomas Robinson, grandson of the treasurer and son of Lumley Robinson, at the request of his grandfather.

Ratification of Serjeant West's nomination of William Croke, his nephew, and John Holloway, son of Serjeant Richard Holloway, to his chambers in Hare's Court, adjoining Pump Court.

Order for the payment to John Stanbrooke of 155*li.* for lime, formerly owing to Thomas Newman, bricklayer.

Order that Minors, the head butler, should be allowed 48*li.*, lent by him to the said Newman.

Order for the act of 3 February, 33 Charles II., concerning the examination of the debts of the House, to be revived.

"Whereas several great misdemeanours have been committed by several gentlemen of this society, both of the bar and under the bar, in Easter term last, by blowing of the horn for the meeting and assembling together in the hall, and passing several votes, and making orders, thereby taking upon them the government of the House, and threatening the servants of the House in case they did not set up the said orders at the screen of the said hall in the term time, contrary to all the ancient usages of this House, forthwith three of the said utter barristers, that is to say, Mr. Grimbald Paunceford (styled in one of the said orders speaker of the parliament), and Mr. Daniel Foucaut, for threatening one of the butlers of this society, and Mr. Robert Blaney, for subscribing their said orders, styling himself clerk of their said parliament, being by the order of the bench table put out of commons, and the said Mr. Blaney after he was so put out of commons committing the same offence the second time, and

being sent for to come up to the bench table and there refusing to answer to such questions as were demanded of him, was, by like order of the said table expelled this society. Whereupon the rest of the barristers and students going out of commons in Trinity term following, countenancing the said offenders and not coming into commons in the beginning of the Michaelmas term, application was made by the bench to my Lord Chief Justice Pemberton and the rest of the judges formerly of this society, and thereupon the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar immediately coming into commons in order to their being heard before the said judges, upon full hearing both of the bench, bar, and under the bar, the said judge declared the whole proceedings aforesaid of the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar to be contrary to the ancient rules or customs of this society, yet the said judges, making it their request to the bench to restore the said member expelled and those put out of commons, and all the rest of the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar the next day at the bench table end, making the said request for the said three gentlemen, it is ordered that the said Mr. Grimbald Paunceford and Mr. Daniel Foucault be admitted into commons at this time, without any further suit to be made by the three gentlemen or any of them to the benchers at their several chambers (according to the ancient usage in like cases) or any other act to be done by them notwithstanding."

PARLIAMENT held on 20 November, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1681, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Auditors: — Longuevile, Selby, Clendon, and Dod, for the steward's accounts; and Courtney, Heath, Goodfellow, and Pudsey, for the treasurer's accounts.

Order that the garret or chamber four pair of stairs high in the staircase built by Serjeant Peck, be consolidated with the chamber two pair of stairs high in the possession of John Cooke, and the roof to be made good by the said John Cooke.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 33 Charles II., A.D. 1681, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that the request of Baxter to erect "pallisadoe pales," and to make steps before his building, be referred to Cure, Purley, Clendon, and Wright.

The election of treasurer respited till next parliament.

Order that the several rolls of commons, audited by the bar and those under the bar, be signed by the bench.

Order for commons to be broken up.

Order that Minors, the chief butler, shall forbear to receive or collect any moneys from any member due for fines, admittances, and pension and other rolls, or from other persons, but such moneys shall in future be collected by a person to be appointed by the treasurer. The bench will take into consideration any service that the said Minors has done or shall do for the society, as to any perquisites that do or shall or may belong to him as chief butler. And when he has paid all such moneys, already collected, to the treasurer, his bond may be delivered up.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 November, 1680.

Order for Adams to be cast into commons for his chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 November, 1680. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Answers of the benchers to the Middle Temple. As to the gutters that belong to the Inner Temple, from Hare's Court and lead into the Middle Temple Lane, and also those of Serjeant Hampson's Building, "it is agreed that let the Middle Temple conform to make all their pipes from their gutters that belong to their buildings to be carried down the side of their respective buildings into drains, the Inner Temple doth consent in all places of their buildings that the like shall be done by them. As to the pillar under Newman's

building it was set up by the consent of both Houses at the charge of the Inner Temple. As to the pavement of the Middle Temple Lane and elsewhere, it is agreed that all places on the account of the Inner Temple shall be discharged, the Middle Temple doing the same which on their account ought to be done. As to all what Dr. Bairbone saith, it is rejected, for Mr. Minors, our butler, informs us the contrary."

BENCH TABLE held on 10 November, 1680.

Orders that no members shall have any dishes, for carrying their commons, or earthen pots, but the laundresses are to bring dishes of their own; that the cook shall make an inventory of the pewter of the House; that a committee be appointed to consider the proposals of the Middle Temple, and Pettitt and Newman be present at the time appointed on Friday, at 7 o'clock, in the library; and that a committee be appointed to consider the building on the west side of Hare Court.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 November, 1680.

Order that the chief butler shall deliver bills of the duties owing by members under the bar and other members, to such members before they are called to the bar or bench; and the like shall be done to every member upon alienating a chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 30 November, 1680.

Orders that the names of those of full standing only shall be brought up for a call to the bar, and shall be first approved of by the treasurer; and that Sir Nathaniel Powell, bart., be discharged from being reader at Clement's Inn upon payment of 26*li.*

BENCH TABLE held on 4 December, 1680.

Order that the chief butler shall bring to the treasurer an account of the debts of the House and of the members that belong to the House; that Cressar and Pawlett shall take away all those things they have put into the four cellars under the King's Bench

Office and Cressar is to floor the same; that the King's arms be set up in the window where they formerly were, and the bricklayer remove the scaffolds and posts, lying in the gutter next the window at the upper end of the hall.

BENCH TABLE held on 28 January, 1680-1.

Order that no earthen pots be delivered out of the buttery for carrying beer out of the cellar.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 February, 1680-1.

Order that a committee be called for 7 o'clock on Friday night in the Library to settle the interests in the west side of Hare Court.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 February, 1680-1.

Order for the builders in the west side of Hare Court to attend the said committee; and for the balance to be paid on Edward Chauntler's bill.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 February, 1680-1.

Orders that certain chambers in Hare Court and the cellars in the King's Bench Office be viewed; that the engine house and joiner's shed be moved and set by the pump; that the treasurer nominate lives to his chamber; that the rubbish in the churchyard be removed; that Sir George Jefferyes pay his duties before his chamber passes; and that the steward bring in a list of all the moneys he has received of the debts above 5*li.*

BENCH TABLE held on 12 February, 1680-1.

John Wheeler to have two ground chambers under the King's Bench Office.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 February, 1680-1.

Order that all proprietors in any of the buildings built since the

fire are to nominate their lives; and that those who have not paid their arrears shall not have the benefit of a second life.

BENCH TABLE held on 18 March, 1680-1.

Whereas the benchers and gentlemen of the Inner and Middle Temple did lately attend the lord chancellor, who proposed expedients for accommodating the differences betwixt the said societies about rebuilding the Cloisters, it is desired by Thomas Robinson, treasurer, Sir Thomas Hanmer, John Mosyer, and William Longueville that the said expedients be reported to the first parliament of next term, until which time a stop should be put to further proceeding in the building there.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 April, 1681.

Orders that the account of Newman, the bricklayer, be examined; and that the steward do give an account of the persons indebted to him.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 April, 1681.

Order for the examination of the steward's and butler's accounts; and notice for the attendance of the masters of the bench for the grand affairs of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 30 April, 1681.

Order as to the payment of duties in arrear.

BENCH TABLE held on 2 May, 1681.

Order as to the examination of Newman's accounts.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 May, 1681.

A committee appointed to determine matters concerning Appleford's chamber and the buildings in Hare's Court.

BENCH TABLE held on 4 May, 1681.

Order for the chief butler to give to the second butler a list of fines, etc., unpaid.

BENCH TABLE held on 5 May, 1681.

Notice for the attendance of the masters of the bench.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 May, 1681.

A committee appointed to examine the abuse of commons and extravagance of the buttery.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 May, 1681.

Order that "a roll be made of all the chambers as to their chimneys that never were burnt. Also a roll to be made of the burnt chambers to commence from the next half year after they were inhabited, leaving out at present the chambers unfinished."

BENCH TABLE held on 7 June, 1681.

The petition of the pot-woman referred to three of the masters of the bench; order for consideration of the staircase in Hare Court, built by Sir Thomas Hanmer upon account of the House, to be referred to a committee; that every Friday night be appointed for a meeting in the Library at 6 o'clock about the House business; and that the carpenter and smith can take their remedies at law if they please.

A COMMITTEE held on 10 June, 1681. Present:—THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer, FARRAR, HOLLOWAY, EDWARDS, WYOTT, FARRINGTON, JOHNSON, and SELBY.

Order to pay John Stanbrooke, limeman, 155*li.* out of the

treasury; that the pot-woman's account be referred to Heath and Selby; that every proprietor in the furthermost staircase in Hare's Court next Fleet Street pay 30*s.* towards the improvement of their building.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 June, 1681.

A committee appointed to receive the proposals in reference to Paper Buildings; order that the shop of Leonard Woolley, barber, in Tanfield Court, be padlocked up for not paying rent to Thomas Williams, the tenant.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 June, 1681.

A committee appointed to consider the grievances of the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 June, 1681.

Order as to the interest of the builders of chambers.

BENCH TABLE held on 21 June, 1681.

Order for the rubbish near Gower's chamber to be removed.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 October, 1681.

Order that the chief butler bring in all the keys belonging to the Library to the treasurer.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 November, 1681.

Order that the puisne butlers shall wait on all the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar (except Paunceford, Foucault, and Blaney), and to acquaint them with the orders of the judges of this society that they forthwith come into commons in order to being heard before the said judges at Serjeants' Inn in Fleet Street, on 4

November, to arrange the differences between the benchers and them, and a copy of the order be screened to-morrow at dinner in the hall.

BENCH TABLE[1] held on 25 June, 1681.

Order that a garret chamber be taken down, and the roof be made firm.

BENCH TABLE held on 23 November, 1681.

Order that Thomas Sorrell, the junior butler, be suspended commons for neglecting to take in the beer in due time.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Thomas Robinson, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, treasurer, from 7 November, 1680, to 28 November, 1681.

RECEIPTS.

From Sir Nathaniel Powell, bart., for not discharging the place of reader of Clement's Inn, 20*li.*

From Sir Thomas Hanmer, S. G., in full discharge for last summer's reading, 100*li.*

From Sir George Jeffryes, his Majesty's serjeant at law, for his subscription for wainscotting the hall and library, 40*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Dr. Ball, for his salary, at 100*li.* a year, to Dr. Woodroffe, at 80*li.* a year, and Rogers, the reader, at 15*li.* a year.

To Playford, the clerk of the Temple Church, for disbursements for a year, 3*li.* 2*s.*

Various payments to William Soares, for nursing four bastard children.

To Roundthwayte, the joiner, for wainscotting the hall and setting up the screen and music room, 110*li.*

To the same, for two forms of oak to the bench table, 21 ft. long, six new tables of deal in the hall, and five new "trussells," also three pipes of deal to carry off the water for the hall and kitchen, 24 yards of plain wainscott at the lower end of the hall where the clerks sit, and other jobs, 17*li.*

Given to the workmen in the hall about the wainscotting, and the masons about the stairs, to drink, 5*s.*

To Emmett, the carver, for engraving and carving the arms of the Society over the screen, and for 12 carved sconces, and 8 pine-apples, 10*li.*

To the same, for graving and carving the King's arms in oak, and setting them up at the top of the hall, 10*li.*

To Horne, the bricklayer, for work done about the tiling of the sides of the hall, the enlarging the drain from the stone steps in the Inner Temple Lane to the church, and for works done in the

[1] This entry is placed out of order in the original MS.

kitchen for the boilers and hearths, 14*li.*

To the same, for making a drain in the Inner Temple Lane, leading to the Cloisters, 13 yards in length, 14 inches wide, and 18 inches high, 2*li.* 10*s.*

To the same, for laying a foundation of bricks, where the pillars in the Cloisters were removed and under the steps, and for mending the hearth in the kitchen, 1*li.* 14*s.*

To Langly, the plaisterer, for repairing the south side of the hall, with lime and hair, and putting it into a stone colour, and other jobs, as stopping the glass in the windows where the King's arms are and work at the kitchen stairs, 6*li.*

To Edward Sabin, the smith, for 12 sconces of iron, with branches, at 1*li.* 3*s.* the sconce, set about the hall, 13*li.* 16*s.*

To the same, for 16 pair of hinges for the window shutters in the hall, 3 hoop trivets in the kitchen, a fender for the kitchen range, etc., 14*li.*

To William Cleare, in part for his pains in surveying divers works, 1*li.*

To Thomas Meredith, for the moiety of carrying away rubbish out of the churchyard, at the blowing up of the building, which was to be paid by agreement between the two Houses, as it appears by Serjeant Hampson's certificate, 2*li.*

To Duncomb, the Queen's receiver of the rent for the Inner Temple, and for the acquittance, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To the steward's man, for a dinner in the vacation time, 1681, at a meeting of gentlemen in the library, to attend the lord chancellor about the Cloister upon the summons of the Middle Temple, 13*s.* 11*d.*

To the same, for one other dinner in the same vacation at a second meeting of gentlemen in the library, of the bench and bar, upon the same account, 1*li.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

To David Lumsden, grocer, for a barrel of gunpowder, for the use of the Inner Temple, in the time of the late fire, procured and taken up by Sir George Jeoffries of him, for the said use, and affirmed so to be by the said Sir George, 4*li.*

To Joan Symmes, widow, the pot-woman, upon the certificate of Sorrell, the butler, that 18 score and 16 double dozen of pots and other earthenware were then brought in for the use of the said society, at 1*s.* 2*d.* the double dozen, but upon examination there did want 21 double dozen of pots and 16 double dozen of wine cups and candlesticks, which Sorrell did affirm were received the 13 Nov., before that he borrowed of Lincoln's Inn. The which pots have lasted this whole year, 10*li.*

To four labourers, three days to fill up the Cloisters with earth and to raise the same, at 20*d.* a day, 1*li.*

To Evans, the pavior, for paving part of the churchyard, by our stairs and Cloister to the common sewer, 6*li.*

To Thomas Goodwyn, linen draper, at the Golden Key in Fleet Street, for linen for the use of the society, viz. :—5 long bar cloths, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ells long, 10 cloths, for the middle bar table, 5 ells long, 2 "swinger's cloths," for that table, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ells long, 5 higher cloths, $4\frac{1}{4}$ ells long, 5 long student's cloths, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ells long, 5 clerk's commons cloths, $3\frac{3}{4}$ ells long, 5 yeoman's cloths, $4\frac{3}{4}$ ells long, 5 officer's cloths, $3\frac{1}{4}$ ells long, 18*li.* 4*s.*

To the same, for 7 pieces of Silesia diaper, which made 6 dozen napkins, for the bench table, 2*li.* 16*s.*

To the same, for two pieces of diaper tabling for the bench table, 1*li.* 12*s.*

To the same, for 12 yards of towelling, for the hall, 6*s.*

To Elliott's wife, for making the linen and marking it, 1*li.* 9*s.*

To the porter of Serjeant's Inn, when the society waited on the judges about the differences, 5*s.*

To Young, the mason, for work done in the Cloisters, and for the steps up the hall, the same being begun in Farrer's time, 20*li.*

To Dallow, for 15 dozen of glass bottles, marked with the arms of the House, at 4*s.* a dozen, 3*li.* in full of a bill of 3*li.* 9*s.* for the same.

To Garland, painter, for 76 yards of oiled work, wainscott colour, in the passage between the hall and buttery, and for painting and gilding the 12 branches in the hall, etc., 8*li.* 15*s.*

To Davis, the glazier, for glazing in the hall, the lanthorn there in the kitchen and officer's room, and the several windows of the masters of the bench's that were broken in the last disturbances, according to an act of parliament, 6*li.* 10*s.*

Receipts, 870*li.* 8*s.* 11*d.*

Disbursements, 733*li.* 9*s.* 1*d.*

Remaining in the treasurer's hands, 136*li.* 9*s.* 10*d.* (*sic.*)

Account of William Minors, chief butler, for the same date.

Disbursements.

To William Clarke, second butler, upon the rolls of chimneys belonging to the society and due to the commissioners of the hearth tax, 4*li.*

Paid for news and intelligence in Michaelmas term, 1680, 2*li.*

For two leather skins to set the pots on the form by the bench table, 4*s.*

For two gilt nails to hang the bench table order thereon, 2*s.*

To Horne, the bricklayer, for making the drain in Hayre's Court, 1*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To several labourers, for throwing up the rubbish lying by the Middle Temple on the ground belonging to the churchyard, and clearing the passage to the Inner Temple Hall, 1*li.* 2*s.*

For buttery baskets, 4*s.*

To Playford, the church clerk, for a year's salary, 2*li.*

For flowers and strewings, also for sweeping the library and washing of it at several times, 12*s.*

For coach hire "for my masters of the bench" when they attended my lord chancellor concerning the Cloisters, 12*s*

To the glass painter, being the remaining part of a bill for work done in Farrer's time, which was paid upon setting up of the coats of arms in the window in the hall, 2*li.*

To Cooper, the upholsterer, for half a dozen chairs for the library in the room of those that were lost in the fire, 3*li.* 12*s.*

Towards the charges for hanging up the branches in the hall, for ladders, porters, and cords, 8*s.*

For mending Heathe's aud Edward's windows that were broken last summer, 6*s.* 6*d.*

For porters, towards the removing Langhorne's books and writings, 8*s.*

For fixing up the readers' coats of arms, 8*s.*

"For the taking off the prosecution against William Clarke and Smith, the butlers, upon their entrance into recognizance about the breaking down the pillar by order of the Middle Temple," 1*li.* 4*s.*

Spent at several times going to Sir Christopher Wrenn about the Cloisters with the masons of both Houses, 12*s.*

Sum of the receipts, 182*li.* 16*s.* 11*d.*

Sum of the disbursements, 127*li.* 0*s.* 6*d.*

So there remains, 55*li.* 16*s.* 5*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 February, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1681-2, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER, SIR THOMAS HANMER, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, bart., treasurer.

Order that Minors, the chief butler, prepare an account to be alphabetically engrossed of all bonds of admittance in one parcel, and all bar bonds in another.

Treasurer:—Sir Thomas Robinson.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 33[1] Charles II., A.D. 1681-2, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER, SIR THOMAS HANMER, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that Philip Neeve shall pay two commons in arrear upon admittance to a chamber.

Francis Twisden called an associate to the bench, and William Farrer, Richard Stevens, and Gabriel Armiger called associates to the bar.

Windsor Finch, William Wylde, Thomas Hicks, John Wightwick, William Harmer, Francis Richardson, Seth Clayton, John Jones, Charles Greene, Edward Mills, Robert Skinner, Rowland Wynne, Richard Wynne, John Lloyd, Ralph Hare, William Fiennes, John Peachey, junior, Nicholas Ansell, Daniel Deligne, William Gilpin, Joseph Barnes, Richard Turner, Richard Knap, Anthony Suxberry, Charles Pindar, John Poultney, Charles Croke, John Holloway, William Martin, Lionel Walden, William Jennings, John Pratt, Piers Lloyd, Henry Lloyd, Duncan Dee, James Etheridge, and Samuel Harris called to the bar. Order that John Dolben be called at the next parliament, if any of his puisnes be called.

PARLIAMENT held on 7 May, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER, SIR THOMAS HANMER, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

The election of the reader is adjourned.

[1] A mistake in original MS. for 34.

Special admission of Henry Holloway, second son of Richard Holloway, serjeant at law, at the request of his father.

Licence granted to Sir Godfrey Copley, bart., to make a doorway into his ground chamber in the passage between the Cloisters and Elm Court, belonging to the Middle Temple.

Order for Edwards, Farrington, and Heath to view the staircase in the Inner Temple Lane, wherein Tyrer, Serjeant Buckby, and others have an interest.

PARLIAMENT held on 21 May, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR CHARLES ROBINSON, treasurer.

Admittance of Charles Meriton to a chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 May, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that Edward Perrot, who was admitted to two chambers which were not consolidated, should pay all duties of commons, pensions, and preachers, and all other duties whatsoever as for two several distinct chambers.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 May, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER, SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

"Whereas the church, belonging to both Societies, is very ruinous for want of repair, and upon search made by Sir Christopher Wrenn and other able surveyors, we are given to understand by a strict search and inquiry made thereinto, that the said charge will amount to no less than 1,400*li.*, it is therefore ordered and enacted at this parliament that the aid roll, wherein every master of the bench and associate thereunto belonging, be taxed at three pounds, every barrister and associate to the bar, at two pounds five shillings, every gentleman under the bar, one pound ten shillings."

Order that the treasurer be pleased to subscribe his name at the bottom of each roll.

Richard Mason, nephew of Sir Richard Mason, called to the bar.

Heneage Finch, S. G., chosen reader.

Robert Clowes, Anthony Bowyer, Francis Purley, William Farrer, Alexander Stanhope, Philip Pargiter, and John Hodges called to the bench.

Order that Farrer, Edwards, and Wyatt be added to the committee to consider of a ruinous building in the Inner Temple Lane, in Serjeant Buckby's staircase.

Order that Sir John Trevor be written to concerning his building.

Order that William Clarke, second butler, repair the buildings on the west side of Hare's Court, and 35*li.* be demanded for Appleford's chamber in pursuance of an act of parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 25 June, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRER, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

"Whereas the debts of the House still continue very great and this society, being very much disabled in their revenue (that did come in by chambers) by reason of several fires that have of late years happened in this society," it is ordered that the chambers falling to the use of the House shall not be claimed by any non-reader until the debts of the House be paid.

Order that Milton, Farrer, Mosyer, Holloway, and Wyott, of the bench, be a committee to prepare an act of parliament to prevent the steward's demands for allowances for commons from insolvent persons brought up by him to the auditors that sit on his account.

Order that Milton, Farrer, Holloway, Edwards, Wyott, and Farrington be a committee to consider a way how to retrench the charge of this House as to the buttery and cellar and other expenses.

Order that Robert Clowes, Anthony Bowyer, Francis Purley, William Farrer, Alexander Stanhope, Philip Pargiter, John Nicholson, and John Hodges, shall take their places as benchers on Thurs-

day next, and William Clark, the second butler, give them notice thereof.

Order that the gentlemen of the bar who have not already bought chambers, shall show cause why they should not pay the money contained in the condition of their bonds.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 July, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRER, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Admittance of John Pratt to a chamber.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 July, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR ROBERT SAWYER, SIR JOHN HEATH, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that there be a committee appointed to treat and settle the matters of the "Papers Buildings" and to secure the builders' interest.

Order that Bagnall be treated with about a third staircase in the Paper Buildings, next to the water side, upon his offer of 500*li.* to the House. A like order also for Farrington of the bench. Both of them to have the same terms as other builders have, who were burnt down at the dreadful fires happening formerly and of late in the society.

"Whereas by an order of the bench table of the 1 July, 1682, a committee was then appointed of the whole table or any six of them to be a committee to consider of a way in reference to a standing sub-treasurer of this society, as to what he is to do, both as to his receipt of moneys, the security that he is to give, and that which is to be incumbent upon him by way of duty in reference to the affairs of this House, and what allowance he shall have for such his employment. And in pursuance of the same order of the bench table abovesaid, the third day of July following, Sir John Heath, his Majesty's attorney general of the Duchy of Lancaster, Christopher Milton, Thomas Farrer, Charles Holloway, Richard Edwards, Edwin

Wyott, and Henry Selby, esquires, seven of the masters of the bench did meet as a committee accordingly, and were all of an opinion as followeth :—That the standing sub-treasurer that shall be agreed upon by this society shall receive all the rents, revenues, and casual profits of this society arising from all matters concerning the same, except the steward's rolls for commons, and dispose thereof by order of the treasurer of this society for the time being, under his hands, and not otherwise unless it be by the particular order of the bench table whilst they are in commons ; that the said sub-treasurer shall every first week in every term give to the treasurer an account of what moneys he hath received in the precedent vacation, and before the end of the last week of the term, what he hath received in that term ; that at the beginning of every term, in the first week, he shall give an account to the table of all persons in the society who are in arrear of any duties to the same, and refused to pay; that of all such accounts given, the chief butler shall make three rolls every Michaelmas and Easter term, to be delivered, one to the treasurer, one to the sub-treasurer, and one to the head butler ; that no works shall be done by any workman employed in this society, or goods bought for their use but by order of the table or treasurer in term time, or of the treasurer in the vacation, or the senior bencher resident in his absence, to the contracts whereof the sub-treasurer shall be always privy and give an account to the treasurer of the due performance thereof.

" That he shall give good security, such as the table shall approve of, for due performance of his duty, and true discharge of his account with three sureties to the value of two thousand pounds. That he shall have allowed to him for all the said moneys received by him for the use of the society, twelve pence in the pound. That every one admitted into this society by certificate from any Inn of Chancery shall pay to the under treasurer, for his own use, twenty shillings, besides the usual admittance to the treasurer of the House. That he have a convenient chamber allowed him during the execution of his said office, without being liable to be cast into commons for the same or other duties. That he be allowed out of the treasury every term during the execution of his said office the sum of five pounds. That the person to be admitted into the said office be Mr. Anthony Belbin, a member of this society. Which said report of the committee being

read at this parliament, it is ordered and enacted that the said Mr. Anthony Belbin be settled, constituted, and appointed sub-treasurer thereof, upon the said terms and conditions in the report of the committee above mentioned, specified.

"Whereas an act for an aid roll hath lately passed in the parliament of this society for the rating the several members thereof, in relation to their several degrees, towards the repairs of the Temple Church and the new building the pews of the same, being much in decay (according to ancient precedents of acts of parliament of this House), the charge thereof being computed by Sir Christopher Wrenn, his Majesty's surveyor general, and divers workmen, will amount unto at least the sum of fourteen hundred pounds, to be borne proportionably by the two societies of the Inner and the Middle Temple. And whereas by the great debts of divers gentlemen of this society in the payment of their respective dues upon the said aid roll so rated, this good work is like to be much retarded, if not totally laid aside, unless moneys from time to time be disbursed as the occasion of so great work shall and will require." And whereas the present treasurer, at the request of the society, is pleased to lay down and expend as occasion shall require such money for completing the said work, although at present very inconsiderable sums on the said aid rolls are received by him, it is therefore ordered that the said treasurer, his heirs, executors, and administrators are and shall be saved harmless and indemnified for any contract he shall make relating to the said church or workmen.

PARLIAMENT held on 5 November, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, EDWIN WYATT, LANCELOT JOHNSON, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Auditors:—Longuevile, Selby, Clendon, and Dodd for the steward's accounts; and Johnson, Heath, Barnesly, and Pudsey for the treasurer's accounts.

Treasurer:—Sir Thomas Robinson, continued.

Launcelot Johnson chosen reader.

Admission of Francis Browne, *ad eundem gradum*, called to the bar at Gray's Inn on 21 November, 1681, and paid his caution money for his bar-moot, as appears by certificate from the treasurer of Gray's Inn.

Edward Herbert, K.C., called to the bench.

Order that the sub-treasurer shall attend at every parliament and duly enter all such acts and orders as shall be there made, and all certificates or warrants of admittances, either into or out of this House, be prepared by him and presented to the treasurer for his subscription, as a warrant for him to enter into the book of admittances. And to prevent abuses for the future by the exercise butler in his account of all exercises to be performed by such gentlemen of this society that from time to time shall stand to be called to the bar, it is ordered that the exercise butler shall in every term hereafter attend the said sub-treasurer to make out the respective exercise of such gentlemen by the book of exercise kept by him for the purpose, which book the said sub-treasurer shall certify.

Order that consideration be had at the next parliament of those gentlemen who were in commons last summer vacation, which was held for a week only.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 25 January, 1681-2.

Order that the steward and third butler shall give an account of what money they have received in the rolls of commons, pensions, preachers, etc.

Bench Table held on 3 February, 1681-2.

Order for the account of Stephen Cressar the carpenter to be examined.

Bench Table held on 31 January, 1681-2.

Whereas upon the entertainment upon grand days of the judges

and serjeants at law of this society, it has been found by experience that great loss has happened by sending out of pewter dishes and plates with meat in them at dinner time to several chambers and places unknown, which never have been returned to the pewterer that provided the pewter for such days at a certain rate for the loan thereof, for the prevention whereof for the future, it is ordered that no member whatsoever on such days shall be permitted to send out of the hall any such dishes or plates in dinner time to any place whatsoever, unless he first give notice in writing of the place where it shall be carried.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 February, 1681-2.

Order that Richard Stevens and Gabriel Armiger be called to the bar at the next parliament.

BENCH TABLE held on 12 February, 1681-2.

The interest of Minors, the butler, in his building be referred to a committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 February, 1681-2.

Whereas William Peck was chosen reader of Clement's Inn at Michaelmas, 1680, and neglected to perform the exercise incumbent, for which he was ordered to pay 20*li.*, and whereas he has not conformed with the same order he is fined a further 10*li.*

BENCH TABLE held on 18 February, 1681-2.

Allowance of 50*s.* a week made towards vacation commons.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 May, 1681-2.

Order that Holloway, Edwards, and Farrington be a committee

to consider of an aid roll in reference to the work that is to be done in and about the church, the pews, and pulpit, and to bring in a number of persons that are responsible for the same, and what the quantum shall be as to the several degrees in the society.

Bench Table held on 6 May, 1682.

Order that the gates leading into White Friars be opened, until further order, from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Order for the treasurer to put in suit the bonds of those who have not paid their duties.

Bench Table held on 7 May, 1682.

Orders for the benchers to meet at dinner in the hall on Thursday next; for the buttery book to be examined.

Bench Table held on 18 May, 1682.

Order as to the accounts of Cresser, the carpenter; that there be a tax, viz. :—3*li.* on every bencher, 2*li.* 5*s.* on every barrister, and 1*li.* 10*s.* on every gentleman under the bar.

Bench Table held on 19 May, 1682.

Order for the bench to receive proposals from the participants of the Paper Buildings.

Bench Table held on 20 May, 1682.

"Upon an address made to the table by Mr. William Morgan, his Majesty's cosmographer, who did at the same time present the society with a map of the survey of the city of London and Westminster and borough of Southwark, together with a fair prospect of London and Westminster, in one frame, it is ordered that the

treasurer of this House do give unto him, the said Mr. Morgan, out of the moneys of this House, the sum of 10*li.*, as a respect from this society to him for the same."

BENCH TABLE held on 26 May, 1682.

Orders that a committee do search for precedents for aid rolls, that they may be able to give an account thereof to the table; that a committee do examine all matters touching Minors' Building; that the bench attend the table on Sunday next at supper, about an aid roll for the repair of the church; that a committee examine the matters relating to Trinder's chamber; and that the chief butler bring all papers since the lord chancellor's treasurership to this House before Sunday.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 June, 1682.

Orders that the chief butler shall wait upon the lord chancellor to obtain his leave to put in suit the bonds, taken in his name, when he was treasurer; that the treasurer's clerk, Mr. Belbin, shall demand the moneys due on the aid roll for the repair of the church; that the House shall not be liable for the linen ordered by Minors.

BENCH TABLE held on 19 June, 1682.

A committee to examine the plasterer's account and the plumber's account, the brewer's account, and how the linen was taken up by Minors for the use of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 19 June, 1682.

Order that the admittances to chambers of those who have not paid their fines to be void.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 June, 1682.

Order that Robert Clowes be discharged from his call to the bench, by alleging that his juniors were at the table before him.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 June, 1682.

Order that a committee shall examine the books, papers, rolls, and other things in the custody of Minors; and to consider a way of lessening the debts of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 July, 1682.

A committee to consider as to a standing sub-treasurer, as to what he shall do regarding the receipts, the security he shall give, etc.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 July, 1682.

Allowance of 50*s*. a week for vacation commons.

George Berry, puisne butler, upon acknowledging his fault in recording an exercise as having been performed by Bawdes and Cooke, who stood for a call to the bar, that never was performed, was restored into commons.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 July, 1682.

Order that Minors, the chief butler, for his several and great misdemeanours committed in the execution of his office, be discharged, especially for bringing up John Wightwicke to the bench table to be sworn a barrister, in order to his call in Hilary term last, and affirming that all the duties had been paid, and the usual bonds entered into, which was not so, and it is declared that Short, an attorney of the King's Bench, shall be admitted to the said office.

BENCH TABLE held on 31 October, 1682.

Petition of William Mynors to be restored to his place of chief butler, which it was ordered should have further consideration.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Thomas Robinson, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, from 28 November, 1681, to 5 November, 1682.

Receipts.

From Halsey, principal of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent of the inn and tenements adjoining, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

From Edwin Wyatt in discharge of reading, 100*li.*

From Henneage Finch, for the same, 100*li.*

Disbursements.

In salaries to Dr. Ball, Dr. Woodroffe, John Stacey, the reader, and Playford, the clerk, 220*li.* 2*d.*

For wine spent at the bench table, 46*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

For pots and earthenware, viz.:—pots, candlesticks, salts, wine cups, and bench cups (a single dozen of bench cups costing as much as three double dozen of the other ware), 17*li.* 3*s.*

For watchmen and board wages, (total) 147*li.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

To the Duke's players, for a play acted on Candlemas day last in the hall, before the lord chancellor and the judges, called "The London Cuckolde," 20*li.*

To James Munday, as master of the revels, allowed to him for entertainment of his company on Candlemas day, at night, being the Grand day, 4*li.*

To the Queen's receiver, for the fee farm rent and receipt, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To Belford, for loan of pewter, and for the venison plates that Sir Robert Sawyer gave in Hilary term, 1*li.* 4*s.*

For the lord mayor's warrant to search for coiners over Foster's chamber, 2*s.* 6*d.*

To Harrington, a thief taker, upon the account of Sir Thomas Littleton, to search in the house of office for some tools pretended to be cast in by the thieves, 5*s.*

To the porters, to carry a boy to the house of correction, for firing the hall, 1*s.*

For the hire of a coach and four horses, for Sir John Heath and Sir Thomas Hanmer to Windsor, when they presented the address to his Majesty, 1*li.* 15*s.*

To Mrs. Elizabeth Langhorne, widow of Richard Langhorne, being allowed to her by order of the bench table out of her late husband's chamber, that was formerly sold by the House, she having before that time received 50*li.* from the purchaser, 25*li.*

To Morgan, by order of the bench table, for a map of the survey of London, the city of Westminster, and borough of Southwark, that he presented to the society, 10*li.*

To the Duke's players, for a play called "Rule a wife and have a wife," on All Saints' day, before the judges, 20*li.*

To James Munday, as master of the revels, for the entertainment of his company on Grand day, being All Saints' day, 4*li.*, and for the next Saturday, at night, for the said entertainment, 2*li.*, 6*li.*

For a green curtain of serge, for the music room, 1*li.* 5*s.*

For several men to dig and carry earth behind the Paper Buildings, and to level the ground between the said buildings and Serjeant Hampson's Buildings, down to the King's Bench Office, from the White Friars, and for laying the walks there, 10*li.* 6*d.*

For 200 loads of gravel, at 1*s.* 8*d.*, to be

laid against the King's Bench Office, and from the White Friars Gate to the houses of office, and for the garden, 17*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

To the gardener, for wages, etc., 35*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

To Langley, the plasterer, for work done in the Cloisters and the passage to the hall, and for the arms in the arch there in fretwork, 15*li.*

To Brickwood, the pavior, for paving the Cloisters under the hall, 8*s.*

To Evans, for paving between Paper Buildings and the Garden wall, under the trees there, 4*li.* 10*s.*

To Sabine, for the rails twisted at the hall steps, the hinges, rivets, locks, etc., for the hall door, 19*li.*

Expenses of nursing Christmas, Benjamin, and Thomas Temple, at 3*s.* each child a week.

For faggots burnt at the gate on 8 April, the day the King and Duke of York came to town, on 29 May, the King's birthday, and on the Duke of York's birthday.

To Rounthwaite, the joiner, for the screen doors of the hall, the coping arch in the Cloisters, etc., 14*li.* 11*s.*

Sum of the receipts, 1,207*li.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

Sum of the disbursements and allowances, 1,043*li.* 18*s.* 5*d.*

And so there remains, 163*li.* 17*s.* 11*d.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account for Christmas, beginning 17 December, 1681, and ending 19 January, 1682.

The following is the account for Sunday, 25 December:—Bill of fare, 15*li.* 7*s.* 4*d.*; wine, 12*li.* 12*s.*; to the marshal, 10*s.*; music in the hall, 2*li.*; chocolate, coffee, and tea, 1*li.* 3*s.* 6*d.*; 6 doz. of glasses, 3*li.*; and drums and trumpets, 11*li.* 16*s.* 6*d.*

Amongst other items are the following:—2 gallons of buttered ale, 8*s.*; 4 dozen casting boxes, 8*s.*; dice, 1*li.* 14*s.*; 2 livery coats, 3*li.* 15*s.*; pipes, 6*d.*; the harper, two nights, 10*s.*; cyder, 6*s.*; to the watermen, for dice picked up, 5*s.*; 2 gilt partizans (of this, Gwillim paid 30*s.*, and I paid 3*li.* 10*s.*), 5*li.*; tobacco, 12*s.*; the private committee (to wait on the lords) their dinner, 9*s.* 6*d.*; to Horwood, for coach hire to Lord Craven's and the parson's, 7*s.*; to the Duke of Albemarle's trumpeter, 1*li.* 1*s.* 8*d.*; to Black Jack, for candle and perfume, 4*s.* 6*d.*; coaches waiting to go to Whitehall, 1*li.* 5*s.*; Playford's bill for lights on Christmas night, 1*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; to the joiner, for rails about the hazard table, 18*s.*; for 28 coats and caps for the "innwatch" (besides the controllers' 2 guards), and one coat and cap for the usher at 16*s.* a piece, 23*li.* 4*s.*; a plume of white feathers, and another of black, for the controller, 8*li.*; to the two ministers, each 3 guineas, 6*li.* 9*s.* (*sic*); a load of earthenware, 7*li.* 14*s.*; for 8 truncheons and thongs for the "innwatch," 3*s.* 2*d.*; to the man, for fetching two does from Newhall and his charges, 1*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; to 17 "outwatchmen," 11*li.* 8*s.*; to Harwood (*sic*), for going to the parsons to desire them to print their sermons, 6*s.* 6*d.*; "for sweetmeats for Madam Gwinn" (Thursday, 12 January, 1682), 1*li.*; to Warren, which he gave the wounded man, 1*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; for the relief of Clifford, the wounded watchman, 1*li.* 10*s.*; to the poor, 1*li.*; 5½ dozen flint glasses, at 4*s.* 6*d.* a dozen,

which were broken, 1*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.*; to the watchman in prison, 1*li.*; to Deligne and Gwillim, to go to the Lord Mayor, about Clifford, the wounded watchman, 17*s.* 6*d.*; to Willis, for bailing him, 10*s.*; for a meeting at the Horne Tavern, 1*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*; and to the Duke of Albemarle's gentleman, 10*s.* 9*d.*

A list of those in commons at this Christmas, 32 in number, is given.

MISCELLANEA.

1682, October 21. Bonds by William Clarke and Elias Dyer, puisne butlers of the society, for the performance of their duties, and the safe keeping of the plate and silver vessels, table linen, lanthorns, etc., of the Inn.

1682. A note of the several books delivered to the sub-treasurer, Belbin, by the order of the Treasurer, Robinson :—1, Pension Rolls; 2, Rolls of preachers' duties, the old rolls delivered; 3, Vacation Rolls; 4, Amercement Rolls; 5, Aid Rolls; 6, Rolls of the steward's allocationes; "Between 5 and 2,600 Bonds, which I alphabeted, excepting 4 bonds, which were delivered to Sir Thomas Foster in his treasurership"; one book of admittances of Edward VI.; one other of Philip and Mary, Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I.; and another Admission Book since Charles II.; two books of admittances into chambers; four books of Acts of Parliament, the first beginning in the time of Henry VII., hitherto; several writings in boxes which concerned the House, especially writings concerning tenements belonging to Lyon's Inn, and the purchase of the House; Buttery Book.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament held on 19 November, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before Sir John Heath, Christopher Milton, Charles Holloway, and others. Sir Thomas Robinson, treasurer.

Nomination by William Livesey of his two sons, John and Charles, to the King's Bench Office.

PARLIAMENT held on 23 November, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Anthony Bowyer, Francis Purley, William Farrer, senior, Alexander Stanhope, John Nicholson, and John Hodges fined 100 marks each, unless they pay the sum of 50*li.* and come and take their places at the bench table before next parliament.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 34 Charles II., A.D. 1682, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

The gentlemen who were in commons for a week after the masters of the bench went out last long vacation, shall be excused from paying for the whole vacation.

The order for Anthony Bowyer, Francis Purley, William Farrar, John Nicholson, and John Hodges to be fined for not coming up to the bench when called is made absolute. The fine upon Stanhope for reasons given to the bench is totally excused.

Thomas Engeham, Robert Frampton, John Tucker, William Wright, and Philip Owen, called to the bar.

Order that all members of this society, who are proprietors of chambers that were burnt down, are appointed to nominate their lives, and particulars are to be given of those nominated.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 February, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1682-3, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, EDWIN WYATT, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Special admission of Robert King, eldest son of Sir John King, knight, deceased, late one of the masters of the bench, at the request of Sir John Heath, on behalf of Lady King.

"Whereas by reason of the great and frequent importunities of the young students of this society, who frequently press to be called

to the bar, not having full time, and some of them not having done or performed any of the exercise of this House, and others very little, whereby the learning of this House is much decayed, and such persons, when called, very unable to perform the subsequent exercise of this House incumbent on them as vacation barristers, contrary to the ancient customs and orders of this House; to prevent the same for the future a committee [was appointed] by virtue of an order of the bench table made 27 November, 1682." In pursuance of which order Milton, Farrer, Holloway, and Edwards did, on 29 November following, meet as a committee and were all of opinion, as followeth: "That no member of this society shall be presented to the table for to be called to the bar before he be full seven years standing and hath been actually in commons four years of the said seven, and hath performed the exercises following, viz.:—one imparlance actually to be performed, one library moot, six petty moots, and as many clerk's common cases, and in case of grand readings, four grand moots, and no call to be to the bar but only in Michaelmas term yearly." Which report being taken into consideration, it is ordered that no one shall press to be called to the bar unless he be qualified both for time and exercise, as this act before mentioned doth require.

Order for returning the exigents and suing out outlawries against Francis Berkeley, John Howland, Rock, Edward Thurland, Thomas Walker, John Allen, William Coode, William Gower, John Hillersdon, Samuel Howland, Edward Owen, Griffith Parry, Ramsden, Richard Sackvile, John Burroughs, Kenwick Eyton, and Thomas Foster, indebted to the House for commons and other duties.

The fines upon Anthony Bowyer, Francis Purley, and William Farrer for not coming to the bench table are remitted, they having conformed to the order made upon them and come up to the bench table.

Whereas by an order of the bench table of 31 January last, John Champion, Richard Ruth, and John Bagot, fellows of this society, were suspended commons for some outrageous misdemeanours committed by them in the late Christmas commons, which order of suspension by command of the bench was fairly written in the buttery book of this House by the chief butler in the presence of the masters of the bench according to custom. And whereas it appears that the said persons or others by their appointment obliterated and crossed

out the said order, in affront and contempt of the government of this House. Whereupon by another order of the bench table of 3 February, it was further ordered that the said book of commons should be again brought up to the bench table and the said order of suspension again entered and written by the chief butler upon the same leaf where it formerly was written, upon the upper part thereof, and for the prevention of the like miscarriage for the future, it was ordered that the butlers do constantly keep the said inner buttery locked, according to the ancient orders of this House, and shall not permit any fellows to enter the said rooms to eat their commons or make any stay but only the masters of the bench, and such as are appointed to take the accounts.

Whereas John Champion and Heath Edwards, members under the bar, were with others lately summoned to attend the bench table to give an account of their late riotous and outrageous proceedings, in keeping the hall and other offices of this society against the present government of this House, "and hallooing and shouting with their guards and other rabble of people at the treasurer, the attorney general, and solicitor general, being the then masters of the bench that were in town, who came into the hall on the essoign day of this term after dinner, and did demand the possession of the said hall, library, buttery, and kitchen, for the use of the said society, and to disperse the tumultuous assembly, but were in a most insolent manner denied the possession thereof by them; and they did accordingly keep possession thereof, and gathered up new guards of mean persons to their assistance (about fourteen of their then guards leaving them), who continued gaming in the said hall until seven of the clock the next morning, being Sunday, and then prepared for a ball on the same day in the said hall, the which they kept locked with the other offices and places till twelve of the clock on the said Sunday, until the lord chief justice Pemberton, then chief justice of England, did come down in person, accompanied with the said masters of the bench and divers barristers of this society, and demanded entrance thereinto, they having not yielded obedience to his warrant the day before; and also causing money to be raised (being attended with armed men, their guards) on the respective members of this House against all ancient usage and custom and against their wills, extorting the same from them on pretence that some of the masters of the

bench had paid; and imprisoning several servants of this society for yielding obedience to the commands of the said masters of the bench of this society in leaving the said hall and attending on the said benchers. Upon which summons, when they appeared they were so far from acknowledging of the said offences that they justified their proceedings in a most insolent manner, and thereby aggravated their offences. Whereupon the bench taking the same into consideration, and that which never was paralleled in this House, did at that time suspend them, with some others guilty of the same offence, from the commons of this House, but finding the said persons still persisting to affront the government of this House and for preventing the like insolencies for the future," do hereby order and declare that the said Champion and Edwards be absolutely expelled and no longer reputed members.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1682-3, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Charles Bawdes and Cavendish Weedon called to the bar.

Thomas Jenner and John Wyne called to the bench, and the call of Ambrose Phillipps is adjourned till Wednesday next.

John Grady and Thomas Price, who were ready to perform Chancery exercise in Clifford's Inn, were allowed their exercise because they were hindered by reason that Fuller (who was to read there for Phillipps) upon hearing that Phillipps was to be called to the bench, did not proceed.

The fine of 100 marks on John Hodges for not coming to the bench is remitted.

Order for the parliament to be adjourned till Wednesday.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment from the 11th to the 14th February, 1682-3, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, JOHN MOSYER, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Whereas the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar, in respect there is not nor has been any readings of late years in this

society, and the next week being Shrove week and the four weeks after being reading month, wherein they cannot in accustomed manner perform their exercise until the five weeks be over, request that they may enter upon their exercise the next week ensuing. It is ordered that the said vacation barristers and gentlemen do accordingly enter upon their exercises.

Order, in regard to the great debts of the House that 50*s.* a week be allowed this vacation to the gentlemen keeping vacation commons.

Ambrose Phillipps called to the bench.

Order that parliament take into consideration the compounding of the vacations and amercements of all members who shall have discharged their commons, pensions, and preacher's duties by the beginning of next term and give their names to the sub-treasurer.

Whereas Heath Edwards, who with John Champion was of late justly expelled this House for riotous behaviour, has petitioned the treasurer and the rest of the bench to be restored, acknowledging his faults and praying their pardon therefor, it is ordered that upon the said Edwards paying all his duties he shall be restored.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 May, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1683, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Anthony Farrington chosen reader.

Basil Feilding called to the bar.

Order that those gentlemen that were actually in commons this last Lent vacation, at the time when the masters of the bench that were in town gave them leave to go out, be excused for the remainder of the said vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 May, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1683, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLOWAY, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Special admission of William Farrer, son of William Farrer, at the request of his father.

PARLIAMENT held on 24 June, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1683, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Whereas the buildings called the Paper Buildings in this society, being by their antiquity become ruinous and in decay, and not suitable to nor complying with the uniformity and beauty of the rest of the buildings of this House, several proposals have been received from and made to the present proprietors and owners of the respective chambers for rebuilding the same, but with little success, by reason of the particular and private advantages demanded by the proprietors, which the House could not agree to without loss; it is therefore ordered that the said Paper Buildings shall be rebuilt at the charge of this House, when the chambers shall come into the power of the House, and such lives as shall fall to the House shall be kept in the power of the House.

Order that members not in arrear with their duties may compound for their vacations and amercements, at any time between this and the end of Michaelmas term.

Parliament adjourned till Thursday.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment from 24 June, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1683, before SIR JOHN HEATH, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, EDWIN WYAT, and others. SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, treasurer.

Order that an act be prepared that no member shall be henceforth called to the bar without he have a chamber in this society.

Order that a letter be written to Francis Berkeley that if he does not pay his duties, that his chamber in Paper Buildings will be disposed of for the use of the House.

"Ordered that the case, prepared by Philipps, the joiner, for an organ which stands in the organ loft, prepared for the joint use of both the societies of the Temple, be removed, and that the said joiner have notice to remove the same out of that place, and if the same be not removed by Saturday next at noon, then the officers belonging

to this House, namely, the respective butlers, with other inferior officers of this House, do in the afternoon of the said Saturday next remove the same out of that place."

PARLIAMENT held on 28 October, 1683, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR THOMAS JENNER, recorder of London, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Treasurer:—Sir Robert Sawyer, A.G.

The board wages of officers and wages of watchmen for the long vacation are referred to a committee, consisting of Sir Thomas Jenner, Holloway, Heath, Johnson, and Courtney, to examine the several demeanours of the said officers and watchmen in that time, and particularly in relation to the late fire that happened in Sir Thomas Robinson's Buildings, whereby the said Sir Thomas Robinson lost his life.

Auditors:—Selby, Pargeter, Dodd, and Leigh for the steward's accounts; and Heath, Wyat, Pudsey, and Blincoe for the treasurer's accounts.

Henry Pollexfen chosen reader.

Order that those gentlemen who were actually in commons last vacation during the whole time commons continued, and went out with the leave of the treasurer and the rest of the masters of the bench in town, be excused for the remainder of the vacation.

John Cooke, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas and an associate to the bar, is called to sit at the upper end of the bar mess.

The further consideration of the act ordered to be prepared, touching the calling to the bar of members not having chambers, is respited.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 November, 1682.

Order that Mynors be restored into commons as chief butler, but not to intermeddle in the receipt of money.

BENCH TABLE held on 6 November, 1682.

Order that Anthony Bowyer, Francis Purley, William Farrer, Alexander Stanhope, Philip Pargiter, John Nicholson, and John Hodges, who were called to the bench, shall take their places at the bench table before Monday next, otherwise the bench will take it as a refusal and will proceed to a further call.

BENCH TABLE held on 27 November, 1682.

Order that a committee be appointed to consider what exercises are fit to be incumbent upon those to be called to the bar, before the names are presented to the bench table.

Order that Bowyer, Purley, Farrer, Stanhope, Pargiter, Nicholson and Hodges, who were called to the bench and refused to take their places, are fined 100 marks each, except Stanhope, who for reasons given to the bench, is excused.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 January, 1682-3.

Order for John Champion, Heath Edwards, John Bagott, Richard Rooth, and William Gwilliam, members under the bar, to attend the table.

BENCH TABLE held on 31 January, 1682-3.

Order that Champion, Edwards, Ruth, and Baggott be suspended commons for misdemeanours upon pretence of Christmas commons.

Further order against sending out pewter dishes with meat from the hall on grand days.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 February, 1682-3.

The complaint of Serjeant Buckby, concerning his chamber in the Inner Temple Lane, referred to a committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 5 February, 1682-3.

It is agreed to call Thomas Jenner, John Wynn, and Ambrose Philipps to the bench.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 February, 1682-3.

It is agreed that Charles Bawdes be called to the bar *nemine contradicente*, and Cavendish Weedon be called, but not sworn till he is of full standing.

Report of the committee as to the defects in Serjeant Buckby's chamber.

Upon the petition of Henry Chichester, second son of Sir John Chichester, bart., deceased, it is ordered that he be entered in the Book of Admissions, he having paid his admission fee in error to Minors, the butler, who had not accounted for it.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 February, 1682-3.

Petition of Robert Fenwick, vintner, for leave to make a vault in Hare Court.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 February, 1682-3.

Petition of William Gower, that he was about ten years since admitted at New Inn and remained there for three years, when, as by certificate appears, he removed himself to the Inner Temple, where he has resided seven years. In Michaelmas term he gave in his name to stand for the bar, and was rejected, but having "a tender of preferment," which, without being at the bar, he is incapacitated to accept, he prays the favour of the bench for the present call. It was agreed that as in this vacation there can be no call, and the petitioner not having performed his full exercise, he has an opportunity of qualifying himself against the next call.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 February, 1682-3.

Order "that whereas Mr. Smith and Mr. Harris, organ makers,

have been employed by the treasurers of both societies of the Temples to prepare two organs respectively by them to be made, the said society to have the election jointly of that which shall be esteemed the best organ, both as to sound and price. The which organs, when made, were mutually agreed on by the said then treasurers to be set up in some convenient place at one and the same time, within one of the halls of the said societies, as shall be approved of by the said societies jointly for the trial of the said respective organs. It is therefore ordered that the said agreement be kept, and that neither of the said organs, so to be made, as aforesaid, shall be set up in the Temple Church, belonging to the said societies, until such organ shall be first chosen and approved of by the joint choice of the said societies, and after such choice then such organ, so chosen, shall be set up in the said Temple Church in that place appointed by the joint consent of both the said societies."

Elias Dyer and Thomas Smith, the two younger butlers, are appointed to keep the pews in the Church.

BENCH TABLE held on 30 April, 1683.

Order for William Pitt, the son of George Pitt, who has a chamber in the Cloisters, to attend and show cause why he should not mend his leads.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 May, 1683.

Order that Holloway, Selby, and Pargiter, shall make search in Hampson's Buildings, near the King's Bench Office, where several persons lodge with their families, that are not members of this society, against the orders of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 4 May, 1683.

Order that Whitlocke Deane, Edward Deane, John Dolbin, and Francis Kellett shall attend the table to show cause why they permit strangers to lodge in their chambers; and that the fine on the baker for not supplying bread properly baked, be confirmed.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 May, 1683.

Order that the strangers in the chambers of Whitlock Dean and Edward Deane be removed, and that examination be made whether Cropley was admitted a member, or whether he is fitting to be a member of this House; and nomination of Basil Fielding for call to the bar.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 May, 1683.

Order that Milton, Farrer, Holloway, Wyatt, and Hodges, shall meet the masters of the Middle Temple in reference to setting up of an organ.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 May, 1683.

Orders for Cavendish Weedon to be sworn; and that John Stanbrooke have two concurrent lives in a chamber, in discharge of a debt due to him.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 May, 1683.

Petition of John Higden, who in 1622, became a clerk to Starkey, an attorney in Clifford's Inn, and was admitted to that society, that he may continue in the chamber of Whitlock Deane during the continuance of his lease thereof, or be admitted to the society *pro tempore*. Order thereupon that the gentlemen concerned in Serjeant Hampson's Buildings do attend the Bench Table touching the lodging of strangers.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 May, 1683.

Upon full debate it is not thought fit to admit Luke Cropley nor John Higden, members of the society, and order that they and all other strangers do leave their lodgings in Serjeant Hampson's Buildings.

BENCH TABLE held on 17 May, 1683.

Petition of Luke Cropley, that in 1681 he paid fees to Minors, the

chief butler, for his admission to the Inn, and therefore hopes he has done nothing worthy of the bench's displeasure. Order thereupon that the matter be referred back to the committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 June, 1683.

Order for proposals to be received for the building of Paper Buildings.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 June, 1683.

Petition of Renatus Harris, organ maker, that having made an organ in competition with Smith, and being ready to set up his work, he has given Smith notice thereof, that both instruments may be set up at the same time in the same place, for the more equal and better trial and comparing of the stops by those organists and masters in music whom the societies shall appoint to judge which is the best. That Smith refuses to put up his organ, and his delays are prejudicial to the petitioner, who therefore prays he may be permitted to set up his organ on the south side of the communion table, and there remain till the matter in difference be determined. Which petition was granted by the bench.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 June, 1683.

It is not thought fit that Luke Cropley be admitted a member, and it is ordered that he leave his lodgings in the Inn.

BENCH TABLE held on 19 and 21 June, 1683.

Orders as to the rebuilding of Paper Buildings.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 October, 1683.

Order that Edward Herbert be excused his duties owing before the sale of his chamber to the Lord Chief Justice Jeofferyes.

The petition of John Blincoe, John Lee, Walter Burdett, and William Yorke, that they were admitted to their chambers by Serjeant

Hampson, which chambers being lately burnt down, they pray that the benchers will set a reasonable value upon the Serjeant's interest, and order him to release his said interest. Which petition is referred to Edwards and Heath.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.[1]

ACCOUNT of Sir Thomas Robinson, bart., chief prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, treasurer, from 6 November, 1682, to 20 October, 1683.

RECEIPTS.

From Halsey, principal of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent and for two tenements, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Moneys received upon the aid roll, for repairs of the church, 225*li.* 15*s.*

Moneys received upon subscriptions, for repairs of the church, 181*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

The half for two dinners at the Devil Tavern, for the entertainment of Sir Christopher Wrenne, at his coming to survey and give orders to workmen about the Temple Church, 1*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

To Langley, for plastering, scaffolding, and whitening and colouring the body of the Temple Church belonging to the Inner Temple side, the sum of his bill being adjusted by Sir Christopher Wrenne, 16*li.* 17*s.* 10*d.*

The moiety of a dinner at the Devil Tavern, for the entertainment of Sir Christopher Wrenne, 15*s.*

To Lambert, at the Three Tuns in Essex Buildings, the moiety of a dinner at his house, for the entertainment of Clare, the surveyor, at his coming to give directions about the Temple Church, 10*s.* 9*d.*

To workmen, for carrying earth into the Temple Church to fill up the outward aisle and half the middle aisle on the Inner Temple side, for the masons to lay the marble stones, 2*li.* 9*s.* 10*d.*

To Thomas Carver, for carving the panels in the Temple Church, on the Inner Temple side, for the benchers' pew, being 29½ ft. at 7*s.* a foot, by agreement with Sir Christopher Wren, 10*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

To John King, mason, in part, for laying stones of marble in the Temple Church, on the Inner Temple side, 50*li.*

To Stuart, the plasterer, for whitening the rounds and cupola in the Temple Church, it being in the whole 1,670 yards, at 3*d.* a yard, being 20*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.* the moiety whereof (the Middle Temple paying the remainder), 10*li.* 8*s.* 9*d.*

To him more for painting the windows of the Temple Church, on the Inner Temple side, when they were taken down, 13*s.*

To Cresser, the carpenter, for flooring the Temple Church, for the pews of the Inner Temple side, being eleven square, at 3*li.* per square, and for alterations which were not in the bill, 37*li.* 13*s.*

To Ledsome, the plumber, for mending the holes in the Temple Church, on the Inner Temple side, 5*li.*

[1] The additional matter included within brackets in this and subsequent accounts is taken from the General Account Receipt Books.

To Merchant, the moiety for the loan of scaffolding "for the round's whitening," 3*li.* 10*s.*

To Cresser, the carpenter, the moiety for the organ loft, the screen, and foundation of the pulpit, and reader's and clerk's pews, after abatement, 13*li.* 10*s.*

To King, the mason, in further part of his bill, for laying marble stones in the church on the Inner Temple side, 50*li.*

To Davis, the glazier, for cleansing the windows, and for new glasses in the Temple Church and in the round, on the Inner Temple side, 7*li.*

To Garland, the painter, 7*li.*

To Dutton, the glass painter, for the moiety of his bill for mending and putting up the King's arms in the church, 1*li.*

To Clare, the surveyor, for surveying the Temple Church on the Inner Temple side, 3*li.*

The half of a bill, for a treat for Dr. Blow and the rest of the masters of music, when they came about the organ, 2*li.* 4*s.*

To Mare, the surveyor, for measuring the whole church and rounds, viz. :—of joiners, carvers, and stone cutters' work, being three days about it, having a man to help him, and to Horne, the bricklayer, for helping, 1*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To the ironmonger, in part of his bill for locks and hinges for the pews, 10*li.*

To Sabin, the smith, 17*li.*

The moiety of a bill in full, for joiner's work and carver's work, for making the screen, altar piece, and for the iron work for the 'type' in the Temple Church, 285*li.* 1*s.* 3*d.*

To Rounthwaite, the joiner, in full, for making the pews in the Temple Church, 161*li.* 9*s.*

The sub-treasurer's bill, for odd disbursements, 4*li.* 2*d.*

Total of money disbursed, for repairs of the Temple Church, 702*li.* 16*s.* 1*d.*

To the painter, for gilding the ironwork of the hall doors and other things, 5*li.*

For a load of faggots, for a bonfire at the Temple Gate, on 5 Nov., 1682, 12*s.*

To Stacey, the Temple reader, for his quarter's salary, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To the gardener, for wages [nineteen lime trees planted in the walks, etc.], 18*li.* 16*s.*

For the moiety of a dinner at Dr. Ball's house, for the entertainment of the Bishop of Rochester, when he preached in the Temple Church, at the opening of the church after it was repaired, the Middle Temple paying the other moiety. [On 11 Feb., 1682-3. For Battalia pie; salad; tame pigeons; 2½ dozen of best Pontack, at 14*s.*; one dozen bottles of best Canary, 1*li.* 4*s.*; 6 bottles of best Champagne, 9*s.*; mum ale and tobacco, etc.], 4*li.* 14*s.* 9*d.*

To Playford, the clerk of the church, the moiety of his bill for necessaries laid out for the church, the Middle Temple paying the other moiety, 2*li.* 14*s.* 9*d.*

To "the House musicioners," for three grand days, viz. :—Candlemas day, 1681, All Hallows day, and Candlemas day, 1682, being formerly paid as a fee of 2*li.* per annum, but now paid as a gratuity, 3*li.*

To William Clare, for surveying "the hall, cloisters, etc.," 1*li.*

To William Garland, the painter, for colouring 21 pallisadoe pales round the trees in the walks, with nine posts there, 2*li.* 10*s.*

For mending leather buckets damaged at the fire which happened at the Queen's Head Tavern, opposite the Temple, 16*s.*

To Jodderell, solicitor in Chancery, for defending a suit brought against the Temple by Wise, the plumber, 6*li.* 15*s.*

For a load of faggots, for a bonfire, on 29 May, 12*s.* 6*d.*

To New, for a dinner at the time of meeting to make the address [to His Majesty upon his preservation from the late horrible conspiracy, on 5 July, 1683], 2*li.* 16*s.* 7*d.*

Gave away at the time of the fire, viz. :—to the men that played the St. Bride's and St. Giles' engines, to Sheriff Rich's men that fetched the powder, and to men that went up and down the city for buckets and to several others, as I saw occasion, 5*li.* 17*s.*

To the insurer's men, by order, 10*li.*

To the men that brought and played St. Dunstan's engine, 2*li.*

To the men that brought and played the Middle Temple engine, and their buckets, 1*li.*

For faggots for a bonfire at the Inner Temple Gate on 9 Sept. 1683.

Sum of the receipts, 2,239*li.* 9*s.* 5*d.*

Sum of the disbursements, 1,696*li.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

And so there remains, 542*li.* 16*s.* 7*d.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account for Christmas, beginning 14 December, 1682.

The account is incomplete, and gives only the sum total expended daily during the first week, and a few details at the end, of no particular interest.

For tobacco, 1 lb., 3*s.*

For Mr. Controller's feather, 16*s.*

Christmas Parliament held on 14 December, 1682.

Officers:—John Champion, controller; Heath Edwards, speaker; Price, Rowth, and Edwards, stewards; Bagott, Warter, and Hart, the committee of music; Keilwaie and Jobber, auditors; and Gwillim, clerk of the parliament.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament held on 18 November, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1683, before Sir John Heath, Sir Thomas Hanmer, Sir Thomas Jenner, Edward Herbert, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

John Cooke, chief prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, called an associate to the bench.

Whereas the gentlemen who were lately called to the bar and had no chambers at the time of their call, but entered into bonds to buy the same within a year, have greatly neglected the same, that in the two last calls, wherein there were twenty seven called not having chambers, two only have bought chambers, many of them so soon as

they are called immediately leave the society and seldom appear again, not regarding the performance of the condition of their bonds, nor keeping their vacations, nor doing any exercise as they ought to do, which is the great cause that there has been of late such failure of exercise on the bar side, to the dishonour of this society, it is therefore ordered that no member shall be called to the bar without he has actually a chamber in this House or lays down 20*li.* as a caution to buy the same within two years, and in case of default the 20*li.* to be forfeited. And such as have forfeited their bonds, do, before the first parliament in next term, pay to the treasurer 20*li.* each, to be forfeited in case they do not purchase chambers within a year.

Order that the sub-treasurer and chief butler give an account what strangers lodge in this society, and particularly what women.

Upon reading the report of the committee that was appointed to inspect the demeanour of the officers and watchmen of this House this last vacation, and particularly in the time of the late fire which happened in Sir Thomas Robinson's Building, it is ordered that the two butlers, Berry and Smith, who were out of town, without leave, shall lose their board wages and the other officers and watchmen shall have their board wages and wages as formerly. And Rowland Morgan, the turnspit, for his extraordinary diligence in the said fire, shall have 40*s.*

PARLIAMENT held on 25 November, 35 Charles II., A.D. 1683, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR THOMAS JENNER, EDWARD HERBERT, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Charles Morgan, Samuel Dalton, Whitlocke Deane, John Churchill, Anthony Ellesdon, Simon Harcourt, John Dike, Henry Jones, Thomas Price, Robert Knowling, James Selby, and Charles Cooke called to the bar, but the three last are not to be sworn till next term.

Admission, *ad eundem gradum*, of John Nicoll called to the bar on 1 August, 1674, by certificate from Gray's Inn.

Order that James Munday, who has been master of the revels

for two years and still continues so, may consolidate his two chambers in Pettit's Building opposite the church porch.

Whereas the sufferers in the late fire in Sir Thomas Robinson's staircase have desired leave to build their chambers, it is ordered they may do so at their own cost, three pair of stairs high and no more, besides the ground chambers and cellars, with power to nominate lives to the same. And that Sir Thomas Hanmer, the recorder, Holloway, Edwards, Farrington, Selby, and Courtney shall be a standing committee to settle all differences touching the building. The said builders shall also have liberty to make a gate in the Temple wall at the Thames side, and to land and lay materials, make mortar, and frame timber upon the void ground as former builders have done, making good the wall again.

Whereas upon the petition of the gentlemen that were lately burnt out in the upper staircase of Serjeant Hampson's building, a committee composed of Edwards and Heath was appointed to report upon the holdings in the said staircase, who reported that certain sums should be given to the said Serjeant for his interest, it was agreed that upon payment of the said sums the said gentlemen should be builders.

"Whereas the liberty formerly granted to the gentlemen of this society in the time of Christmas, intended only for a civil and moderate recreation, hath for many years past degenerated into licentiousness and disorder, to the great offence of Almighty God, the scandal and dishonour of this society, the corrupting and debauching of divers young gentlemen, members of the same, and (unless timely prevented may endanger the total subversion of the good government thereof) although great care hath been taken and divers good acts from time to time made for regulating Christmas commons and redress of such shameful disorders, yet they have always proved fruitless and unsuccessful, and have not produced that good effect expected from them. For the preventing therefore of so great mischiefs, inconveniences, and farther growing evils of this nature in time to come," it is ordered that for Christmas next ensuing no commons shall be kept within this House, but the commons of this House shall dissolve and break up on the Saturday, after dinner preceding St. Thomas' day next, and not begin again until the Saturday night next ensuing the feast of the Epiphany, and in the mean

time the keys and possession of the hall, buttery, kitchen, and other rooms and places of like public office for this House, shall be left in the custody of the treasurer, and if any fellow shall presume or endeavour to have commons kept during the time aforesaid, such fellow shall *ipso facto* be totally disabled from being called to the bar, and be subject to such other punishment as the benchers shall think fit to impose.

Order that all strangers lodging in this society, and particularly the family opposite Denington's chamber in the staircase next the Alienation Office, have notice given them by the butler to remove within a fortnight.

Order that such gentlemen as have paid their duties required by the Act of 24 June, 1683, shall have liberty till next term to compound their vacations and amercements.

PARLIAMENT held on 10 February, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1683-4, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS FARRER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Order that a committee of the whole bench or any three of them do consider of a set of watchmen for this House to contain in number eight, four whereof to watch every night, namely, two at the gate, one in the King's Bench Walks and the other always going the rounds, and those four to have 12*d.* a night. The same committee are likewise ordered to inspect the casting in rolls for commons and to inquire as to chambers and nominations thereto.

Special admission of Thomas Wyat, eldest son, and Edwin Wyat, second son of Serjeant Wyat, late a bencher, at the request of their father.

The petition of the gentlemen that were lately burnt out in Serjeant Hampson's staircase to set their building a foot nearer Whitefriars is referred to a committee of the whole bench.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment from the 10th to the 14th February, 1683-4, before THOMAS FARRER, CHRISTOPHER MILTON, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Upon the report of Holloway, Johnson, and Courtney, who were

appointed a committee to regulate the watch, it is ordered that all former allowances to watchmen shall be discharged, and for the future there be eight watchmen as before set out. Of the four night watchmen, two are to watch at the Gate and the other two in the King's Bench Walks, one of whom is to go in turns, once an hour, the rounds, and up every staircase, knocking at every gentleman's chamber door, and giving notice of the hour of the night. And if the watchman that shall so go the rounds shall find any candle lighted after twelve of the clock, he is to continue knocking at the door until somebody give an answer, together with the reason. And the porter, instead of watching in term time, which he does by virtue of his place, shall constantly every night see the watch set, and in the morning the watch are not to go off until the porter comes to relieve them. And the watch to be set in winter time at eight of the clock at night, and not to go off till seven of the clock in the morning, and in summer, at nine of the clock at night, and not to go off till five in the morning. And if the under treasurer shall find the porter remiss in any part of his duty, the said porter shall, upon complaint to the treasurer, be put out of his place and in like manner as to any watchman.

Upon reading the report of Edwards, Johnson, and Courtney, the committee appointed to examine what profits were taken from William Minors, chief butler, by constituting an under-treasurer, it is ordered that Minors, in lieu of his admittance money (which was 5*s.* for every one admitted), profits of acts of parliament (which was 10*s.* a copy), and poundage for those moneys that he received, shall have three pounds a term out of the treasury, and 5*s.* for every gentleman at his first coming into commons, being introduced by him to the upper end of the bar mess.

PARLIAMENT held 28 April, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR EDWARD HERBERT, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Pensions to be assessed double.

Anthony Keck chosen reader.

Special admission of Leonard Poe Jenner, third son of Sir Thomas Jenner, serjeant at law and recorder of London.

Order that the casting in rolls for commons shall be examined with the Buttery Book by the under treasurer, and that no person nominated for a second life in any chamber shall come into commons for the first life.

Order that a committee be appointed to regulate the extravagant rates of commons.

Whereas the under treasurer was to hold a convenient chamber in the House during the execution of his office, and no convenient chamber has at any time since happened to fall, it is ordered that the sum of 10*li.* a year be allowed him for the rent of a chamber till a convenient one shall fall.

Order that the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar that were in commons last Lent vacation and went out with the leave of the treasurer, be excused from the remaining part of the said vacation.

PARLIAMENT held on 11 May, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before SIR JOHN TREVOR, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Hugh Rydgate and Robert Dalway called to the bar.

Whereas great inconveniences have been found by reason of the gentlemen running in arrear for commons to very great sums, after which it has been found very difficult to have the same paid in, and by such arrears there is now due to the steward more than 1,500*li.* whereupon a committee was on 28 April last appointed to consider of means to pay the said debt who submit a report as to the payment of commons, which is ordered to be enacted and confirmed.

PARLIAMENT held on 8 June, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

William Hughes and John Dolben called to the bar.

Orders that gentlemen having chambers in Paper Buildings shall give in their resolution whether they will rebuild that building upon

one life and an assignment; and that the order of the bench table made about Sir Thomas Foster and Mr. Foster's duties be continued.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR JOHN TREVOR, CHRISTOPHER MILTON and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Robert Sanders called an associate to the bar.

Order that "Dr. Shirlock master of the Temple shall be allowed from this society the same salary that Dr. Ball had, which was 25*li.* a quarter during the time that he shall continue his place, the first payment to be made at midsummer next, and to be raised in the same manner as the said Dr. Ball's was, which was of every bencher, 2*s.* 6*d.* a term, every barrister that had a chamber, 2*s.*, every gentleman under the bar that had a chamber, 1*s.* 8*d.*, and every barrister that had no chamber, for every term in commons, 1*s.* 6*d.*, and of every gentleman under the bar that had no chamber, 1*s.* every term. And it is further ordered that the moiety of the rent of the said Dr. Shirlock's house be paid by this society during such time as the doctor continue master of the Temple."

Order that the allowance to the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar that shall keep commons, be left to the discretion of the treasurer.

Special admission of Charles Selby, eldest son of Serjeant Selby, at the request of his father.

The matter relating to Sir Thomas Foster and his son Thomas referred to the Table.

A committee appointed to report how far Sir John Trevor's new building in the Inner Temple Lane may extend westward.

PARLIAMENT held on 6 November, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR EDWARD HERBERT, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Nicholas Courtney chosen reader.

Auditors:—Johnson, Purley, Blincoe, and Webb for the treasurer's accounts; and Pargiter, Hodges, Dodd, and Lee for the steward's accounts.

Order confirming the report of the committee that it is not convenient to alter the last order as to the watchmen's allowance, suggesting, however, a modification in the time of the watchmen's duty.

Whereas Jervase Berkeley, son-in-law of Courtney, of the bench, in Easter term, 1678, prayed to be specially admitted gratis, his request was denied as being contrary to the orders of the House, but having now paid 3*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the same, it is ordered that he shall be generally admitted as of that time.

Poole Powell, eldest son of Powell of the bench, specially admitted as of Easter Term, 1682.

Order that the vacation barristers who were actually in commons the last long vacation and went out with the leave of the treasurer, shall be excused for the remainder of the vacation.

Order that Mrs. Farr, widow, at the Rainbow Coffee House, do pay yearly for enlarging two windows which look into the Inner Temple Lane, the sum of 12*d.* for each window at the Feast of St. Michael the archangel.

Order that the chamber of Richard Sackvile, padlocked for duties owing, be seized and sold to the use of the House, unless Sackville show cause to the contrary.

Treasurer :—Sir Robert Sawyer continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 30 October, 1683.

Orders that no dishes be sent out of the hall on Thursday next, being Grand Day for Michaelmas term, without a note being given stating where the said dishes are going ; that upon petition of the inhabitants of the lower part of White Friars, the wicket to the great gates leading into White Friars be shut at 8 p.m. in winter and 9 p.m. in summer, and opened at 6 a.m. in the winter and 5 a.m. in summer.

Bench Table held on 3 November, 1683.

Report of the committee as to the nomination of lives to the

chambers in Serjeant Hampson's staircase, which were casually burnt on 1st August last, and adoption of the same.

Order that the moiety of a chamber three pair of stairs in the Inner Temple Lane over the Statute Office be let to Richard Buckby, son of Serjeant Buckby, during the pleasure of the House, he paying 40*s.* a year and keeping the same in good repair.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 November, 1683.

Orders that a committee be appointed to consider what is fit to be done touching the depositing of 20*li.* before any gentleman, not having a chamber, be called to the bar.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 November, 1683.

Order that a committee shall be appointed to settle the claim of the brewer for beer lost in the fire in 1678.

BENCH TABLE held on 10, 15, and 23 November, 1683.

Orders as to rebuilding chambers and the addition of names to the committee touching the neglect of the officers at the late fire.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 November and 1 December, 1683.

Orders that Trinder be discharged from being reader of Lyon's Inn, and Kemp from being reader at Clement's Inn; that Parker shall be fined 5 marks for not reading and thereupon discharged; that the exercise butler shall tender the names for choice to be made of a reader at Clifford's Inn; that Hedges and Pargiter be a committee to prepare an act against keeping the next Christmas and public gaming; and as to Sackvill's chamber being padlocked, and Francis Berkeley's composition for duties.

BENCH TABLE held on 27 January, 1683-4.

Orders that the brewer shall have 20*li.* in full compensation for the beer lost in the fire of 1678; that the petition of John Champion

to be continued as a member, be deferred till the treasurer be present; that the petition of Minors, the chief butler, for compensation for the profits of his office taken away by the appointment of a sub-treasurer, be referred to a committee; that the petition of George Berry and Thomas Smith, the two puisne butlers, for their board wages during the last vacation, which were taken away for their absence for three days, during which a lamentable fire occurred, be not granted, the table being of opinion that the butlers were gently dealt with; and that upon the petition of Whitlock Deane for the return of his 20*li.* deposited upon his call, he having sold his chamber, it was declared that the table cannot break into an Act of Parliament.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 April, 1684.

Order that Sir Thomas Forster and Thomas Forster, his son, shall pay 103*li.* 4*s.* 2*d.* owing to the House, or in default their chambers to be seized.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 May, 1684.

Order that Rudgate be put into the paper to be called to the bar; and that the encroachments alleged to be made by Widow Farr's building shall be referred to a committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 and 6 May, 1684.

Further orders that Sir Thomas Foster and his son shall pay their debts to the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 8 May, 1684.

Orders that Hugh Rudgate and Robert Dalway be called to the bar; that the encroachment by Widow Farr's building jettying over on to and obtaining light from the Inner Temple ground, which is acknowledged by her, shall be referred to Sir John Trevor; and that Thomas Forster shall pay his duties according to the report of the committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 9 May, 1684.

Order that the petition of the head porter and watchmen for a further allowance be referred to a committee; that the porter's staff be delivered to the deputy porter; and that the deputy porter *pro hac vice* have a gown and staff.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 May and 2 June, 1684.

Whereas Francis Berkley has, without leave, taken off the padlock from his chamber, it is ordered that he attend the table and his chamber be seized.

BENCH TABLES held on 4 and 5 June, 1684.

Upon the petition of Francis Berkley setting out that he had the padlock taken off his chambers from necessity, as he arrived in town late one evening and could not otherwise provide for himself, it was ordered that the order for seizing his chamber shall be void, and that inquiry be made into the damage to his chamber by raising the earth before his windows.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 June, 1684.

Order that Hughes and Dolben be put into the paper for the next call to the bar.

BENCH TABLE held on 12 June, 1684.

Order "that all the officers of this House be assisting in executing the warrant for abating the nuisance of a chimney and furnace for burning of tobacco pipes, belonging to William Bates in White Friars."

BENCH TABLE held on 14 June, 1684.

Order that the 100*li.* per annum be continued to Dr. Shirlock, the present minister, so long as he continues master of the Temple,

and the moiety of the rent of his house be paid by this society; that notice be given to Edwards that something will be moved against him in Parliament to-morrow; and that Robert Saunders be admitted at the next Parliament, an assistant to the bar.

BENCH TABLE held on 17 and 18 June, 1684.

Orders as to Sir Thomas Foster's bench chamber; that a committee be appointed for regulating commons; and as to the petition of William Minors, chief butler.

BENCH TABLE held on 23 October, 1684.

Order that the act of Parliament made on 11 May last concerning commons be fully observed.

BENCH TABLE held on 31 October, 1684.

Order that a committee shall examine as to "the matter of the woman taken in Mr. Berkeley's chamber in the Paper Buildings" and as to the disorders in Genew's chamber in the same building.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 and 5 November, 1684.

Orders as to Wright Crooke's chamber in Figtree Court and as to padlocking the same; as to the smoky chimney in Hodge's chamber; and as to the defaults in the roof of the chambers over the Crown office.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.[1]

ACCOUNT of Sir Robert Sawyer, knight, A.G., treasurer, from 28 October, 1683, to 6 November, 1684.

RECEIPTS.

From Halsey, principal of Lyons Inn, for rent of the inn and tenements adjoining, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

From Widow Farr, a year's rent for her lights in Hare's Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for enlarging two windows in the Inner Temple Lane, 2*s.* In all, 8*s.* 8*d.*

Money received upon the aid roll for repairs of the church, 30*li.* 15*s.*

Money received upon subscriptions for repairs of the church, 22*li.* 1*s.*

[1] See footnote on p. 198.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Alexander Davenant [by appointment of his brother, Charles Davenant, and Batterton and the rest of the sharers of the Duke's house], for the use of himself and the rest of the players who acted a play in the hall on 1 Nov. called "The Plain Dealer," 20*li.*

To Francis Buttlin, ironmonger, in full of his bill for ironwork in the Temple church [a pair of hinges and 20 screws for the pulpit, 64 "teesses" for the top of the pews, 6 large "teesses" for the top of the pews, hinges for the pews, pulpit, etc.], 14*li.* 13*s.*

For a year's fee farm rent and acquittance, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To Richards, the upholsterer, for the moiety of his bill for the pulpit cushion in the Temple church [purple velvet, gold seaming, 4 large tassels weighing 13¾ lb. etc.], 4*li.* 10*s.*

To the same, for other things for the church [18 large cushions of fine purple cloth, fringe, tassels, feathers, etc.], 14*li.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

To Garland, the painter, for work done in the church [for gilding the "tipe" of the church, gilding the half of the folding doors, etc.], 9*li.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

To Playford, the clerk [for 13 iron candlesticks for the church, for two copies of the King's declaration, etc.], 2*li.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

To Long and Thomas Fownes, drapers, for 8 pieces of "sleazey diaper" for napkins, 3*li.* 6*s.*

To Horne, the bricklayer [for bricking up part of one of the piers in the Temple church, etc.], 14*li.* 9*s.*

To Dr. Ball, for arrears of his salary, 100*li.*

To Dr. Woodroffe, for arrears of his salary, 40*li.*

To John King, mason, for work done in the church [for 1,234 ft. of marble paving at 20*s.* a foot; for 27½ ft. of steps at 6*d.* a foot; for 980 ft. of old stone new laid at 3*d.* a foot; for polishing down the pillars and scaffolding; for cutting a hole "through the hust for the type to hang to," 1*li.*; and for carrying away the lead and half the rubbish], 27*li.* 9*s.* 10*d.*

To Thomas Merchant, bricklayer, the moiety of his bill for repairing the common sewer in the Middle Temple Lane, 19*s.* 10*d.*

To the watermen that ply at the Temple stairs, for repairing the causeway there, 2*li.*

To the goldsmith that made the porter's staff [for a bamboo, the silver head 16 oz. 8 dwt., the fashion, the ferrule, fastening and engraving], 7*li.* 1*s.*

To Herne, the tailor, for the porter's gown, 4*li.*

To Dr. Shirlock, for his quarter's salary, 25*li.*

To Henry Horne and Edward Sawyer the moiety of their bill for digging and making a drain to the vault belonging to us and the Middle Temple, 8*li.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

To the players [Ralph Davenant, by appointment of Charles Davenant and Batterton and the rest of the sharers in the Duke's house], for acting a play in the Temple hall upon All Hallows day last, called "The Fond Husband," 20*li.*

For a year's fee farm rent and the acquittance, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To the executrices of Dr. Ball, deceased, for a quarter's salary due at Lady day last, 25*li.*

To the executrices of Dr. Ball, for a moiety of a quarter's rent due at Michaelmas for the said Dr. Ball's house in which Dr. Shirlock now lives, 5*li.*

To Thomas Fletcher, the glazier [for mending the treasurer's and Courtney's windows which were broken in the night, etc.], 1*li.* 9*s.*

To Horne, the bricklayer, for making a burying vault in the Temple church, 60*li.*

Sum of the receipts, 2,460*li.* 1*s.* 11*d.*

Sum of the disbursements, 1,757*li.* 3*s.* 3*d.*

So there remains, 702*li.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

CHRISTMAS ACCOUNT BOOK.

CHRISTMAS PARLIAMENT held for Christmas, 1683.

Officers:—Walter Burrell, controller; Robert Algood, speaker; Leighton, Anderton, and Warter, stewards; Sympson, Dowdale, and Hussey, the committee of music; Price, Chivers, and Grady, the auditors; and Gwillim, clerk of the Parliament.

Orders that John Warter and Anderton have leave to resign the stewardship, and Jobber and Andrews do take their places.

MISCELLANEA.

1684, June 28. Certificate by John Colins that he being an officer of the society was employed in plotting the Brick Buildings in the Inner Temple Lane, erected in the treasurership of Prideaux, and of the passage out of the said Lane unto Hare's Court, there being no passage there before. And he states that special care was taken for obtaining convenient lights to every chamber on the east, west, and south sides, but on the north it was designed that the Black Building, when taken down and rebuilt, should be joined to the new building. He also remembers that on the west side of the Black Building, there was a court or yard, paled in and appropriated to the said Black Building, with a door into Hare's Court, which was used by Mr. Risden who held the Black Building as his bench chamber.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before SIR EDWARD HERBERT, RICHARD EDWARDS, PHILIP PARGITER, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of Thomas Heath, eldest son of Serjeant Heath, at the request of his father; and of Thomas Twisden and Roger Twisden, sons of Sir Roger Twisden, bart., and grandchildren of Mr. Justice Twisden, deceased, at the request of their father.

John Champion, who was expelled on 4 February, 1682, for riotous proceedings in the time of Christmas, he being then controller, is, on his humble petition, re-admitted.

Order that no commons be held during the time of Christmas next, in the same terms as the order enacted on 25 Nov., 1683.

Orders for gentlemen to nominate to their chambers.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment from 27 November, to 4 December, 36 Charles II., A.D. 1684, before HENEAGE FINCH, S.G., SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR JOHN TREVOR, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Whereas divers proposals have been made, touching the demolishing and pulling down of the Paper Buildings, adjacent to the garden of this House, which by reason of their antiquity are not coherent and uniform with the rest of the buildings, it is ordered that all persons who have any chamber, or inhabit the said buildings do leave and depart the same, and remove their goods within a week after next term, that the building may be pulled down, and be rebuilt by the several persons interested therein, in likeness with the building, called Sir Thomas Robinson's Buildings, opposite the same, viz.:—four storeys high, the ground chambers that now are to descend with steps. And the said builders to enjoy the same during the life of any one person, a member of the society, and an assignment after the death of such person, and after the death of the life upon assignment, the chamber shall be at the disposal of the House.

PARLIAMENT held on 3 February, 37 Charles II., A.D. 1684-5, before SIR THOMAS HANMER, SIR JOHN TREVOR, SIR EDWARD HERBERT, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of the Hon. Edward Finch, fifth son of Heneage, late Earl of Nottingham, and Lord High Chancellor, deceased, at his own request.

Anthony Belbin, now one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, is, at his own request, discharged from the office of under-treasurer.

Order, reciting the order of 6 July, 1682, for the appointment of

an under-treasurer, and a report thereon, that the under-treasurer now to be appointed shall give such security and render such accounts of his receipts as in the said act and the said report are mentioned, and shall have the benefit of all such fees and allowances in recompense for his service as in the said act are set out, except poundage for the reader's money, poundage for the sale of chambers fallen to the House, poundage for caution money upon calls to the bench, and poundage for caution money upon buying of chambers by gentlemen called to the bar. And it is further ordered that he shall every Easter and Michaelmas terms prepare a roll of the vacations of every barrister and gentleman under the bar, and another roll of the amercements of the same. And that duplicates of the same rolls shall be handed to the treasurer and audited. And it is further ordered that Thomas Riggs, a member of this society, shall be appointed under-treasurer.

Anthony Belbin, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, called an associate to the bar.

Order that Trinder and the rest of the gentlemen concerned in the chambers in the New West Building in Hare Court, shall pay 35*li.*, heretofore agreed upon, for a proportionable enlargement of their chambers.

Courtney declares that he submits to the act to pay his money in lieu of reading.

Order that Sir Thomas Hanmer, and others, be a committee to meet on Friday at seven of the clock, and confer with the rest of the gentlemen of the Paper Buildings, and adjust all matters relating thereto.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 22 November, 1684.

Report of the head butler and the bricklayer, regarding the nuisance in Hodges' chamber from a smoky chimney, for that the wind, when northerly, forced down the smoke with such violence that it blew the coals and ashes out of the hearth into his chamber, which was occasioned by raising a single funnel higher than the rest. Whereupon it was ordered that the single funnel be taken down and all the chimneys raised.

Orders that Champion shall apply to the treasurer touching his

petition; that Lady Robinson have time to nominate her lives to the chambers, late Sir Lumley Robinson's, in the New Buildings, and that the rest of the persons interested in the said buildings do the same.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 November, 1684.

Order that John Champion, lately expelled, be restored a member of the House; and that the last act, providing that no Christmas be kept, be revived at the next parliament.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 November, 1684.

Robert Wynne being fined 20*li.* for not reading at Lyon's Inn, is discharged from such duty; Chare is likewise discharged.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 January, 1684-5.

Orders that a committee shall value certain chambers in the disposal of the House; and that the auditors of the treasurer's account do consider the allowance to be made to the succeeding under-treasurer.

BENCH TABLE held on 27 January, 1684-5.

Report as to value of certain chambers.

Order upon the report of a committee that there be taken away from the succeeding under-treasurer certain fees and allowances in the same terms as the order passed at the parliament held on 3 February, 1684-5.

BENCH TABLE held on 4 February, 1684-5.

Petition of John Baggot, Thomas Yarburgh, Maurice Connell, Samuel Morris, Henry Oxburgh, Henry Dowdall, and Dennis Egan, "believing that continuing in commons in the Christmas time has been a custom and tolleration that was formerly allowed to the gentlemen under the bar of this society, your petitioners did presume the last Christmas to continue in commons, contrary to an act made by your masterships prohibiting any such practice at that time";

they are sensible of the error they committed and pray forgiveness for the same and a remission of the penalties. Order thereupon that the petitioners shall visit the masters of the bench and make an acknowledgment of their faults, according to the ancient orders of the House, and afterwards the table will consider thereof.

Petition of the owners of lower chambers in Paper Buildings that in the new buildings they may not be placed under ground, having already suffered considerably by the raising of earth. The consideration whereof is referred to a committee.

Bench Table held on 5 February, 1684-5.

Orders that a committee shall consider how to raise 30*li.* owing by gentlemen in Hare Court; and that the petition of Minors, the chief butler, for an increase of salary, be referred to a committee.

OLD HOUSES, ERECTED BEFORE THE GREAT FIRE, STILL STANDING IN MIDDLE TEMPLE LANE, SIMILAR TO THOSE FORMERLY ON THE WEST SIDE OF HARE COURT.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

James II.

Parliament held on 10 February, 1 James II., A.D. 1684-5, before Sir Edward Herbert, Christopher Milton, Charles Holloway, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

HENRY CHAMPION, John Taylor, and John Legg called to the bar.

Anthony Belbin, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas and associate of the bar, is called to sit at the upper mess of the bar table.

Parliament adjourned till Tuesday.

Parliament held by adjournment from 10 February to 17 February, 1 James II., A.D. 1684-5, before Thomas Farrer, Richard Edwards, Nicholas Courtney, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

Admission by certificate of John Rumsey *ad eundem gradum*, who was called to the bar at Gray's Inn on 29 July, 1669.

Orders for Paper Buildings to be taken down and rebuilt according to the act of 14 December last, with provisions as to the lives and assignments to be granted to those interested in the chambers there; that Richard Sackville and Wright Croke shall pay their duties,

or in default, their chambers to be seized and sold; and that William Minors, chief butler, be allowed 8*li.* a year, additional salary.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 May, 1 James II., A.D. 1685, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Order that the gentlemen under the bar who actually went out of commons in Lent vacation by leave of the treasurer, shall be excused for the remainder of the vacation.

Sir Edward Herbert, knight, her Majesty's attorney general and chief justice of Chester, chosen reader for Trinity Vacation.

Anthony Belbin called an associate to the bench.

PARLIAMENT held on 31 May, 1 James II., A.D. 1685, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Edward Baldwin, Henry Trinder, Thomas Geeres, and Francis Bostock Fuller called to the bench.

Richard Minshall, Brereton Bourchier, Abell Bradley, Arthur Onslow, John Cotton, John Norton, William Gower, Richard Middlemore, James Richardson, John Leighton, Daniel Nicoll, Henry Sawyer, Francis Burton, Charles Poultney, Thomas Filmer, Richard Delamer, and John Wynn called to the bar.

Admission of Thomas Pitt by certificate *ad eundem gradum*, who was specially admitted to the Middle Temple on 25 October, 1675, and called to the bar on 26 May, 1682.

Orders to various persons as to the nomination to or disposal of their chambers; and that if John Levett shall not pay his debts for commons he shall be expelled.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 June, 1 James II., A.D. 1685, before SIR JOHN HEATH, SIR THOMAS HANMER, THOMAS FARRER, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Orders that Richard Owen be called to the bar; that John Levett's chamber be seized, and that the under-treasurer write to Sir Thomas Foster for payment of duties.

PARLIAMENT held on 9 July, 1 James II., A.D. 1685, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of Lancelot Johnson, son of Lancelot Johnson, at the request of his father.

Orders that 50*s.* a week be allowed to the gentlemen keeping vacation commons; and that the proprietors of Paper Buildings pay in their money within a fortnight.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 November, 1 James II., A.D. 1685, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, NICHOLAS COURTNEY, FRANCIS PURLEY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

William Longuevill chosen reader for Lent vacation.

Auditors:—Purley, William Farrer, Webb, and Selby, for the treasurer's accounts; and Hodges, Pargiter, Dodd, and Legh, for the steward's accounts.

Treasurer:—Sir Robert Sawyer continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 February, 1684-5.

Petition of William Gwillim that his chamber being blown up in the late great fire in Hilary term, 1678, to prevent further danger, at which time petitioner was at sea on his late Majesty's actual service, he prays for relief and satisfaction for the loss of his chambers. Which matter is referred to a committee.

Petition of Robert Fenwick, vintner, to make a vault in Hare Court, rejected.

Order that John Taylor, Henry Champion, and John Legg be put into the paper to be called to the bar.

BENCH TABLE held on 11, 12, and 17 February, 1684-5.

Orders that the petition of William Gower to be called to the bar, he not having performed the exercises required, be rejected;

that the draft of an Act of Parliament for rebuilding Paper Buildings be referred to a committee; that Vaughan and Langley be fined 20*li.* each for not reading at the Inns of Chancery; that the sub-treasurer give notice to Captain Sandys to repair his chamber; and that the report of the committee touching Gwillim's case be adjourned.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, SIR EDWARD HERBERT, SIR JOHN HEATH, EDWARDS, and others.

Orders for Serjeant Hampson to turn "the spout of his building" which damages the church, into the common sewer; that William Soares be porter in the place of William Mills, deceased; that the linen of the society be washed over the water; and that the sub-treasurer go (with one of the butlers in whom he can confide) to the lodgings of Thomas Foster in or near the Mint, in Southwark, and see whether he be living or dead, and in what condition he is.

BENCH TABLE held on 12 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, SIR EDWARD HERBERT, BOWYER, PHILLIPPS, HOLLOWAY, PURLEY, JOHNSON, and others.

Petition of Sir Thomas Forster that he has been put to great charges in rebuilding his chamber in Tanfield Court, and has only an estate during the lives of his sons, Thomas and Charles, and one assignment in the said chambers, and that his son Charles is dead, he therefore prays that he may have another life instead of his son Charles, and that he may change the life of his son, Thomas. Referred to a committee. Orders as to viewing chambers.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 May, 1685.

Order that the matter of the ashes and other rubbish laid by the laundresses in the cellars of the first staircase of the King's Bench Building, be referred to a committee; and that Anthony Belbin, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, be called an associate of the bench.

Bench Table held on 14 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Sir John Treavor, Sir Edward Herbert, Edwards, Holloway, and others.

Orders for Gower and Pickering to pay 50*li.* towards rebuilding their chambers in Paper Buildings; and for the payment of commons due to the steward.

Bench Table held on 16 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Sir John Heath, Sir John Trevor, Holloway, Edwards, and others.

Order touching Richard Croke's chambers; and that Edward Perrott's petition as to the condition of the arch by the Crown office, damaged by coaches and weather, be referred to a committee.

Bench Table held on 19 May, 1685. Present:—the treasurer, Farrar, Holloway, Johnson, Courtney, Coke, Sir Edward Herbert, Edwards, Bowyer, Purley, and Belbin.

Report of the committee that the trust on the chambers late in the possession of Thomas Foster, belongs to Sir Thomas Foster, his father; and order as to the payment of 35*li.* due from the proprietors of chambers in Hare Court.

Bench Table held on 20 May, 1685.

Order that Herring and Norton, who were upon the imparlance, and Minshall, Delamar, junior, Traves and Riggs, who attended, be excused the amercement, but the amercement is doubled upon the rest of the gentlemen under the bar for failure of the imparlance.

Bench Table held on 21 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Sir Edward Herbert, Holloway, Courtney, Cooke, Sir John Heath, Farrar, senior, Edwards, Purley, and Belbin.

Orders for several chambers to be padlocked and for committees to be appointed as to chambers.

Bench Table held on 23 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Sir John Heath, Holloway, Courtney, Edwards, Farrar, senior, Johnson, Purley, and Pargiter.

Orders for the removal of the ashes and rubbish out of the cellars of King's Bench Buildings; for the defect in the arch by the Crown Office and the pavement under the arch to be repaired; that Levett attend the table for striking off the padlock from his chamber; that Pickering pay his 50*li.* towards rebuilding his chambers; that Edward Baldwin, Charles Danvers, Thomas Stermey, and John Clendone return their answers as to being called to the bench; and that Munday have an allowance for putting out a poor child that his wife had maintained by agreement with the society.

Bench Table held on 26 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Sir John Heath, Holloway, Farrar, Edwards, Johnson, and others.

Orders that Henry Trinder be called to the bench; and that Levett, for breaking the padlock off his chamber and threatening "to pistol" the officers of the House, be expelled, unless he attend the bench table.

"The petition of Renatus Harris, organ maker, being this day read at the table, setting forth that your petitioner and Mr. Smith having originally stood in competition about the organ intended for the Temple Church, the said Mr. Smith did himself request the then treasurers of both Houses that he and your petitioner might work by fortnights alternatively, which being agreed by your petitioner, the said Mr. Smith did then make choice of the first fortnight and concluded your petitioner should end with the last, which method being so agreed upon, both the treasurers did accordingly order that the same should be exactly performed, and that neither the said Mr. Smith nor your petitioner should interfere in each others' time. That several times after your petitioner's intended last fortnight, the said Mr. Smith hath began again to work anew and never yet would declare to abide by any day to be concluded, although your petitioner hath not for four months together in the last term and vacation made

use of any one day of his fortnight, but left the said Mr. Smith in possession of the church for all that time in hopes that he would have finished and appointed a day to have judgment given, till performance of which the said competition will never be ended.

"Your petitioner doth humbly request that Mr. Smith be sent to know if he have done, and in case he require more time he may now take it and make use of this week to make an end of the fortnight he hath began, if he require it, and that thereupon he may limit himself to a day, and your petitioner will do the like so many days after; the said Mr. Smith hath had more than your petitioner, otherwise in case Mr. Smith will abide by his organ now, your petitioner desires next week to be appointed for trial, or if he will make use of this week that such trial be appointed to be on the 15th, 16th, 17th, or 18th of next month. And your petitioner further prays that the persons to be appointed to give judgment upon the organs may be such as are most skilful in music and not members of either societies, to prevent any imputations of partiality. And that both workmen take a voluntary oath that neither, directly nor indirectly, they have given or promised or will give or promise any reward whatsoever to gain favour in behalf of his instrument to or with any of the persons, who shall be or are in election, to be appointed judges for the same. And because Mr. Smith do sometimes insist that he was employed by both Houses, that before any trial be made Mr. Smith shall relinquish any contract or promise, and that an order may be made wherein both societies may stand by the determination of the judges in the choice of the organ."

Whereupon it is ordered that Holloway, Edwards, Johnson, Courtney, Bowyer, and Purley, or any three of them, be a committee to meet a like number of the Middle Temple to determine about the said organ and to nominate judges. They are also to take a note from each organ maker of their prices and the number of stops and pipes in each organ."

BENCH TABLE held on 27, 29, and 30 May, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, SIR JOHN HEATH, HOLLOWAY, and others.

Orders as to chambers; as to nominations to the bench and bar (see Parliament of 31 May, with the addition of the names of Richard

Owen and John Herring, nominated to the bar); and order that Levett do stand absolutely expelled unless he pay all his duties.

Bench Table held on 2 June, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Sir John Heath, Holloway, Farrer, Edwards, and others.

The petition of Francis Shirley, panierman, for his expenses about the providing of wine, as his predecessor Roberts had, is granted; and order that Langley, for neglecting to perform the office of reader at Clifford's Inn, be fined 10*li.*, and do provide for the reading for the two next terms.

Bench Table held on 22 June, 1685. Present:—The treasurer, Holloway, Edwards, Johnson, Courtney, Bowyer, Purley, and others.

Communication from the Middle Temple reciting an order made at their parliament on 2 June, 1685, as follows:—"The masters of the bench at this parliament, taking into their considerations the tedious competition between the two organ makers, about their fitting an organ to the Temple Church, and having in several terms and at several times compared both organs now standing in the said church, as they have played several Sundays, one after the other, and as they have lately played the same Sunday together, alternatively, at the same service, now at the suit of several masters of the bar and students of this society, pressing to have a speedy determination of the said controversy, and in justice to the said workmen, as well as for the freeing themselves from any complaints concerning the same, do unanimously in full parliament resolve and declare the organ in the said church, made by Bernard Smith, to be, in their judgment, both for sweetness and fulness of sound (besides the extraordinary stops, quarter notes, and other rarities therein), beyond comparison preferable before the other of the said organs made by Renatus Harris, and that the same is more ornamental and substantial, and both for depth of sound and strength, fitter for the use of the said church, and therefore upon account of the excellency and perfection of the said organ made by Smith, and for that he was the workman first treated with and employed by the treasurers of both societies for

providing his organ, and for that the organ made by the said Harris is discernably too low and too weak for the said church, their masterships see not any cause of further delay or need of any reference to musicians or others to determine the differences, but do, for their parts, unanimously make choice of the said organ made by Smith for the use of these societies, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to acquaint the treasurer and masters of the bench of the Inner Temple with this declaration of their judgments, with all respect desiring their concurrence herein."

"Upon due consideration whereof had, their masterships do unanimously declare that they conceive themselves to be not well used therein, that a resolution and determination should be made in a matter which equally concerns both Houses without a conference first had with their masterships, and that the same directly tends to a breach of mutual correspondence which ought to be maintained and preserved between both societies; that it is high time, and appears to be absolutely necessary that impartial judges (and such as are the best masters of music) be forthwith nominated by both Houses to determine the controversy between the two organ makers, whose instrument is the best, which this society are ready to do, and desire their masterships of the Middle Temple to join with them therein in order to the speedy putting an end to so troublesome a difference."

Holloway, Edwards, Johnson, Bowyer, and Purley empowered to enter into a treaty with a like number of the masters of the bench of the Middle Temple in order to settle the affair speedily.

Bench Table held on 24 June, 1685.

"A paper sent from the Middle Temple in answer to an order of the bench table of this society, made the 22nd instant, being this day read, *ut sequitur:*

"Middle Temple:—Bench table, June 23, 1685. In answer to the paper sent from the bench table of the Inner Temple, the 22nd instant, the masters of the bench of the Middle Temple now in commons say,

"1. That they cannot imagine how the masters of the Inner Temple can pretend any ill usage or disrespect offered towards them, either tending to a breach of correspondence or common civility, by

the act of parliament of the Middle Temple of the second of this instant June, for that the masters of the Middle Temple thereby only, on their parts, (with the concurrence of the barristers and students) declare their judgments and choice of Smith's organ, not imposing but requesting, the concurrence of the Inner Temple therein with all respect.

"2. As to the matter of having the two organs referred to the judgment of impartial musicians, there yet appears not any difference between the two societies concerning the same, the masters of the bench of the Inner Temple having not as yet in Parliament declared their judgments and choice of the other organ which if in their judgments they shall think fit to do, whereby a difference shall appear between the two societies, then their said masterships, now in commons, believe the society of the Middle Temple will find some other expedient for the determination of the said difference.

"3. As to the price of the organs, Smith, the organ maker, absolutely refuseth to set any price upon his organ, but offers to submit the same to the judgment of the treasurers of both societies or to such artists as they shall choose, which their masterships cannot but think reasonable.

"4. As to the numbering the organ pipes and stops, etc., their masterships think it below them to trouble themselves therein, because the proposal can have no other ground than a supposition of such fraud in the artist as is inconsistent with the credit of his profession."

"Upon due consideration thereof had, their masterships do unanimously declare themselves dissatisfied in the irregular proceedings of the Middle Temple in this matter, and therefore firmly adhere to their former resolution, viz. :—that there is no way to determine the controversy between the two organ makers, but by choosing impartial judges and such as are the best masters of music, and not members of either society."

Bench Table held on 26 June, 1685.

Order for an augmentation of 6*li.* to be made to Seth Elliott, the gardener, who has lost his sight; that the petition of John Collins, formerly steward, for payment of debts alleged to be owing when he

left the office of steward, be rejected; that Legg be suspended commons for striking Thomas Smith, the fourth butler; and that Richard Owen, who was rejected from being called to the bar upon the suggestion that he was a practising attorney, be called *nunc pro tunc.*

BENCH TABLE held on 30 June, 1685.

Order for Edward Baldwin and the others lately called to the bench to come up to the table before Saturday next.

BENCH TABLE held on 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 July, 1685.

Orders as to the rebuilding of four staircases on the west side of Hare Court; that Finmore's request to compound for this vacation be denied; that his chamber in Fig-tree Court, sold to Richard Colvile, be viewed; that Clowes, Clendon, Peachey, senior, and Blincow for refusing to permit the table cloth to be taken away or to rise before the masters of the bench, contrary to the ancient custom of the House, on Sunday last at dinner, have a *recipiatur* entered upon their heads; that the gentlemen called to the bench have a further summons to come up to the table; and that John Vaughan's petition as to his chamber be referred to a committee.

BENCH TABLES held on 8 and 9 July, 1685.

Orders that Charles Meriton's chamber be viewed; that William Tempest's petition, as to his chamber, be referred to a committee; that the petition of James Anderton (who about seven years before was admitted of Bernard's Inn and transplanted himself to this Society, and having only a plain admission was rejected at the last call), praying that he may be allowed his standing and a call this term, be refused; and that the five bench chambers in the new building be wainscotted at the charge of the House, and all other ornaments convenient and fitting be left to the pleasure of the treasurer.

BENCH TABLE held on 26, 28, 31 October and 4 November, 1685.

Orders that Henry New, brother in law of George Warner deceased, late steward, be the new steward; that Thomas Smith,

fourth butler, do collect the money due to the late steward; that the petition of George Warner, late steward, for a longer term in the shop adjoining the church, be referred to Holloway and Edwards; that at the desire of the Lord Chancellor and in regard that the grand day this year falls on a Sunday the same be kept on Monday following, being All Souls day; that John Blincowe and John Clendon, having made their submissions, be restored into commons; and that the two puisne butlers be amerced a mark each for not attending to open the pews of the church for the masters of the bench on Sunday last in the afternoon.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer, from 7 November, 1684, to 4 November, 1685.

Disbursements by Anthony Belbin, from 7 November, 1684, to 3 February following, on which day he was discharged from the office of under-treasurer.

To Capt. Hamond, vintner, for wine spent at the bench table, 15*li.* 15*s.*

To Cooke, as master of the revels, for two nights, viz:—21 Nov. and 24 Jan.

Sum total of receipts, 873*li.* 15*s.* 8*d.*
Disbursements, 216*li.* 12*s.* 1*d.*
Remainder due, 657*li.* 3*s.* 7*d.*

Moneys received by Thomas Riggs, under-treasurer, from 3 February, 1684-5, to 4 November, 1685.

Of Halse, principal of Lyon's Inn, for rent of the Inn, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Of Widow Farr, a year's rent for her lights into Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for enlarging two windows in the Inner Temple Lane, 2*s.* In all, 8*s.* 8*d.*

Money received for the repair of the church, upon the Aid Roll, 33*li.* 15*s.*, and by subscriptions, 5*li.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

From Langley, being his uncle's legacy to the society, 40*li.*

Disbursements.

To the plateman for the use of glasses, knives, linen, etc., on the Grand day, 2 Feb., 2*li.* 10*s.*

To the House musicians, their fees for Michaelmas and Hilary terms, 2*li.*, and for Gunpowder Treason day, 2*li.* In all, 4*li.*

Salary to Dr. Sherlock, Dr. Woodroffe, and John Stacey, as usual.

To Edmund Duck, receiver of the New River Water, 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To Henry Rogers, potter, for 185 double dozen of earthenware delivered into the pot house, at the accustomed rate of 14*d.* the double dozen, 10*li.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

To Collins for 9 ells of Holland for a surplice and making thereof, 2*li.* 15*s.*

To Cressar, the moiety for making the water gate at the Temple Stairs, 4*li.* 10*s.*

Faggots for bonfires on 23 April, being the King's Coronation; when the news arrived of the defeat of the rebels in the west; on 26th July, being the thanksgiving day; and on the King and Queen's birthday.

To Alexander Sonville for the figure work at the north end of the new building, according to agreement, 22*li.*

To Cooke, as master of the revels, for grand day, being 2 Nov., 4*li.*

To Mr. Davenant, for the use of himself and the rest of the players who acted the play called "The Soldier's Fortune" in the hall of this society on the last grand day, 20*li.*

To Lord Chief Justice Herbert upon his being called a serjeant and for a purse, 10*li.* 1*s.*

Sum total of receipts, 2,456*li.* 3*s.* 3*d.*
Disbursements, 656*li.* 11*s.*
Remains, 1,799*li.* 12*s.* 3*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1684-5, January 21. Order by the Privy Council for the delivery to Ralph Hansby of Tickhill of certain deeds and writings which had been held by Richard Langhorne, late of the Inner Temple, counsellor at law, at the time of his apprehension.

Receipt of the same deeds and writings, dated 13 February, following.

1685, June 5. Receipt by Wright Croke and Charles Croke for the goods, books, writings, etc., of Serjeant Richard Croke.

1685, July 4. Bond by Nathaniel Munday for the maintenance of a child named Benjamin Temple.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament held on 26 November, 1 James II., A.D. 1685, before Sir Thomas Hanmer, Chiristopher Milton, Charles Holloway, Sir William Poultney, William Longueville, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

Special admission of Timothy Geeres, son of Thomas Geeres, at the request of his father; confirmation of an order made at the bench table for allowing 30*li.* for finishing four bench chambers; and order to view Perrin's house, adjoining the Inner Temple Lane.

John Herring called to the bar.

"Upon consideration had of the difference depending between this society and the Middle Temple, touching the two organ makers

and of the several orders and acts of parliament of both societies in relation thereto, it is unanimously ordered and enacted that the order of the bench table of this society, made the 24th of June last, do stand and be confirmed, and the same is hereby made an act of this present parliament, which said order is to the effect following :— That upon due consideration had of a second paper sent from the Middle Temple in answer to an order of the bench table of this society, made the two and twentieth of June, then instant, their masterships did unanimously declare themselves dissatisfied in the irregular proceedings of the said Middle Temple in that matter, and therefore firmly adhered to their former resolution, viz., that there is no way to determine the controversy between the two organ-makers, but by choosing impartial judges and such as are best masters of music, and not members of either society."

PARLIAMENT held on 7 February, 2 James II., A.D. 1685-6, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

A further term of twenty-one years granted to Johanna, widow of George Warner, late steward of the inn, to a barber's shop on the south side of the Temple Church.

Orders that Samuel Grant, an utter barrister, who was convicted of common barratry, be expelled; and that an allowance of 10*s.* a week be made to George Cure, an ancient barrister, "now fallen to decay."

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 2 James II., A.D. 1685-6, before SIR JOHN HEATH, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Order that William Longueville, chosen reader, having paid 150*li.*, is declared an absolute and complete reader.

Edward Jenner, son of Baron Jenner, is, at the request of his father, called an utter barrister.

PARLIAMENT held on 2 May, 2 James II., A.D. 1686, before CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, NICHOLAS COURTNEY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Anthony Bowyer chosen reader for Trinity vacation; and pensions assessed double.

Special admissions of Ambrose Phillipps, eldest son, and John Phillipps, third son of Sir Ambrose Phillipps, serjeant at law, at the request of their father; of Vigorous Edwards, second son of Richard Edwards, at the request of his father; and of Thomas Hodges, eldest son of John Hodges, at the request of his father.

Admission of Leonard Diggs by certificate *ad eundem gradum*, who was specially admitted to the Middle Temple on 28 May, 1677, and called to the bar on 18 May, 1683.

PARLIAMENT held on 17 May, 2 James II., A.D. 1686, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, NICHOLAS COURTNEY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of Edward Thurland, son of Edward Thurland and grandson of Sir Edward Thurland, late one of the barons of the Exchequer.

George Selby, Heath Edwards, George Grainge, Henry Owen, James Anderton, Thomas How, Tobiah Harvey, Francis Blower, John Marriott, Brownell Harding, Thomas Caldicott, and Thomas Middleton called to the bar.

John Methwen, one of the masters in Chancery called an associate to the bench.

Order for gentlemen to pay the remainder of their building money.

PARLIAMENT held on 15 June, 2 James II., A.D. 1686, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, NICHOLAS COURTNEY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of Fortescue Turberville, grandson of John Turberville.

Orders as to the disposition of bench chambers, and as to those who are in arrear for the charge of rebuilding their chambers.

Sir Samuel Astrey, clerk of the Crown in the King's Bench, called an associate to the bench.

Anthony Bowyer elected to pay his money in lieu of reading.

PARLIAMENT held on 20 June, 2 James II., A.D. 1686, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, NICHOLAS COURTNEY, ANTHONY BOWYER, FRANCIS PURLEY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Orders as to those in arrear for building their chambers; and as to the allowance of 20*s.* a week to be continued to Minors.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 November, 2 James II., A.D. 1686, before JOHN MOSYER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, LANCELOT JOHNSON, NICHOLAS COURTNEY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Order for pensions to be assessed double.

Francis Purley chosen reader for Hilary vacation.

Auditors:—William Farrer, P. Pargiter, Selby, and Farewell, for the treasurer's accounts, and Hodges, Fuller, Legh, and Niccolls, for the steward's accounts.

Special admission of Thomas Tyrrell, son and heir of Sir Peter Tyrrell, and grandson of Sir Thomas Tyrrell, at the request of his father.

Thomas Selby, gentleman, brother of Serjeant Selby, formerly a bencher, called an associate of the bar.

Order for those who are owners of chambers in Sir Robert Sawyer's new buildings, to discharge their duties owing.

Treasurer:—Sir Robert Sawyer continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 6, 14, 18, 21, and 27 November, 1685.

Orders that Isaac Crow, a turnspit, have 5*li.* given to him; that Nicholas Courtney pay 100*li.* for not reading; that the election of bench chambers be adjourned; that the benchers who have renounced

the benefit of bench chambers upon payment of 50*li.* each, shall be re-admitted to their election of bench chambers; that Levett shall visit the several masters of the bench before his re-admission; that the fine of William Fiennes for his chamber be certain not arbitrary; that 30*li.* be allowed towards finishing the bench chambers in the new buildings; that Robert Wynn and Hugh Vaughan be fined 40*li.* each for neglecting to read; and as to the election of bench chambers in the new buildings.

BENCH TABLE held on 28 and 29 January, 1685-6.

Order that a committee be appointed to invite the Lord Chancellor with the judges and serjeants of this House to dinner on grand day, and to know of his Lordship whether he will please to have a play.

Order that a committee be appointed to view the chambers in the new buildings, examine the complaint of the carelessness of the workmen, view the trees in the King's Bench Walks, and report what they think them worth, and whether they think it fit to cut them down this season; that William Minors, chief butler, shall have 5*li.*, he having broken his leg; that the consideration of the petition of George Cure, an aged member, for assistance, be deferred.

BENCH TABLE held on 1 February, 1685-6.

Order that Holloway, Edwards, Johnson, Purley, William Farrer, and Pargiter be a committee to meet a like number of the bench of the Middle Temple in the Rounds touching the organ.

BENCH TABLE held on 2 February, 1685-6. Present:—The treasurer, SIR JOHN HEATH, HOLLOWAY, JOHNSON, EDWARDS, and others.

Orders that 10*s.* a week be allowed to Cure; that Edward Thurstyn, a vintner, attend the table with a model of his building; and that Mrs. Warner, upon surrender of her former lease, shall have a further term of twenty-one years.

Order, upon the report of the committee as to the organs, that there be communicated to the committee of the Middle Temple the act of parliament made in Michaelmas term, and that their con-

currence that indifferent persons be forthwith chosen by each society to determine which is the best organ, be desired.

BENCH TABLE held on 6, 11, and 13 February, 1685-6.

Orders that the petition of Christopher Waterman, of the Middle Temple, as to his chamber, be referred to a committee; that the allowance craved by Mrs. Warner be referred to a committee; that John Methwen's chamber be viewed; that Minors have 20*s.* a week; and that a committee do inquire into the excessive rate of commons and other expenses of the House.

BENCH TABLE held on 26, 27, and 29 April, 1686.

Orders that certain gentlemen pay their arrears, otherwise their chambers to be padlocked; that the old proprietors and new subscribers of chambers in the new building do pay in the remainder of their building money; and that Sir Thomas Foster's chamber be viewed.

BENCH TABLE held on 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 May, 1686.

Orders that Polewheele do pay his duties; that certain chambers be viewed; that the petition of Brocas Gardiner concerning his chamber, be referred to a committee; that Dr. Hooke be desired to view and measure the new buildings, and to certify "how many squares of building" there are in the same, in order to a final determination of the controversy; that gentlemen be ordered to pay in their building money; that the persons named at the parliament held on 17 May (with John Baggot and Demetrius Long) be called to the bar, but that Selby, Edwards, Owen, Marriott, and Baggott are not to be sworn till they have visited all the benchers and received the sacrament; and that Caldecot, Middleton, and Long be called, if they severally receive the sacrament.

BENCH TABLE held on 14 May, 1686.

Orders for the viewing of chambers; for chambers to be padlocked; for Minors' allowance to be continued; and for Fell to stop

up the door out of his garden into the House garden at the south end of the new buildings.

Petition of Renatus Harris, organ-maker, that "having expended great sums of money for the erecting of an organ in the church, which by reason of the proceedings of the Middle Temple hath been hitherto much augmented by continued interest and extraordinary charges of watchmen, besides the damage and loss of time in attendance and ineffectual working, your petitioner is at present thereby rendered under great straits and inconveniences for want of money to supply his occasions; he therefore prays for the loan of 100*li.* upon his bond to pay on demand." Which petition is granted.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 and 17 May, 1686.

Orders for the viewing of chambers; petitions of John Vaughan, Thomas Velley, William Minors, and John Colvile, as to their chambers; order that the petition of Thomas Elliott, the gardener, for a plot of land behind the King's Bench Office for a nursery garden, be rejected; and that the gentlemen, whose call to the bar was suspended until they had received the sacrament, be this day confirmed, it appearing that they had accordingly conformed themselves thereto.

BENCH TABLES held on 6 and 9 June, 1686.

Orders for chambers to be viewed; for Sir Samuel Astrey, clerk of the Crown in the King's Bench, to be called an associate to the bench; for Allgood to attend the table for breaking the flower pots in the garden; that Young, Richard Wynn, Henry Hampson, Sheires, Wheeler, Fell, Fotheringham, and Pitts remove their families from their chambers; that Minors' allowance be continued; that the east window of the hall, being in some danger of falling, be viewed; that certain chambers be padlocked; and that the bonds of certain gentlemen be put in suit.

BENCH TABLE held on 10 June, 1686.

"Upon information that a young child was found dead last night in the Temple Church porch, it is ordered that the under-treasurer

of this House do confer with the under-treasurer of the Middle House, to take care for a coroner to view the same and bury it."

Orders that Allgood do furnish other pots of like fashion and value as those he broke, before the first day of next term, otherwise that he be put out of commons; as to Farrer's bench chamber; and that precedents be searched touching the precedency of Baldwin and the other associates to the bench.

BENCH TABLE held on 11, 12, 21, and 26 June, 1686.

Orders, upon complaint that cellar windows are made in the new buildings, and in Fig-tree Court, and new windows are made in the very jambs of the building, that the same be viewed; that 30*li.* be paid Sir William Poultney concerning the finishing of his bench chamber; as to the disposition of bench chambers; that Allgood and Ellesden attend the bench; and that upon the petition of Samuel Short, the fine on his chamber be respited.

BENCH TABLE held on 28 October, 1686.

Orders that Sir John Heath and Holloway do wait on the lord chancellor, the judges, formerly of this House, and the master of the rolls to invite them to dinner on the next grand day; that Courtney and Bowyer do wait on the serjeants, formerly of this House, and invite them to dinner on the said grand day; that the form of the steward's bond be considered; that the act against alterations in chambers be screened; and that chambers be viewed.

BENCH TABLE held 2 November, 1686.

Orders that the petition of Robert Hampson, that the duties charged on his chamber be remitted on account of his losses by the fire, be granted on certain conditions; that Christopher Sparkes may enjoy a shed, annexed to his chamber in Mitre Court Buildings, which he erected to prevent a great nuisance; and that the chambers of certain gentlemen be padlocked.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account of Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer, from 4 November, 1685, to 4 November, 1686.

Receipts.

Of Halce, principal of Lyons Inn, for rent, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Upon the aid roll, for repairs of the church and upon subscriptions, 32*li.* 10*s.*

Of Mr. Browne, one of the executors of Dr. Ball, being a legacy left by him to this society for casting two bells into one, 10*li.*

Disbursements.

To "Frideswood Crow", being allowed to her husband for his relief, 5*li.*

To Charles Cooke, as master of the revels, in Michaelmas term, on 5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 Nov., 10*li.*

To William Phillips, the Middle Temple joiner, the moiety for making a long broad step ladder for the church, 17*s.* 6*d.*

To Downes, for one dozen common prayer books and other things, 10*li.* 6*s.*

To Smith the cook, for a dinner for the musicians that played before the Lord Chancellor on 2 Nov., 1685, 4*li.* 7*s.* 11*d.*

To Francis Purley, executor of Dr. Ball, for the moiety of a year's rent of Dr. Ball's late house, now Dr. Sherlock's, 20*li.*

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock, master of the Temple, Dr. Woodroff, lecturer, and Stacey, the reader.

To Charles Cook, as master of the revels for grand day, 2 Feb., 4*li.*

For bonfires, on the day of the King's accession; 23 April; 29 May; and on the King's birthday.

To Davenant, for the use of the players that acted "The Committee" in the hall before the lord chancellor and judges on 2 Feb., 20*li.*

To Robinson, for the use of himself and the musicians, for their fee in Michaelmas and Hilary Terms last, 2*li.*, and for last Gunpowder Treason day, 2*li.*

The moiety of a bill for work done in fitting up Dr. Sherlock's house and garden, 19*li.* 16*s.* 9*d.*

To James Bartlett, the bell founder, the moiety of his bill, 10*li.* 17*s.*

To Henry Lobb, the joiner, for wainscotting Sir William Poultney's chamber in the new buildings, 30*li.*

To Harris, the organ maker, upon security of his bond, 100*li.*

To the moiety of a bill of disbursements on behalf of both Houses touching the child found dead in the church porch, 1*li.* 9*s.* 1½*d.*

To Scoltock, the ironmonger, for locks and other ironwork in Baron Milton's chamber, 3*li.* 19*s.*

To the three serjeants that were lately called, and for three purses, 15*li.* 3*s.*

To Campion, the herald painter, for putting up the readers' arms in the Library, 10*li.*

To the servants of the Insurance Office and Friendly Society for their pains in preserving the buildings next the White Friars little gate, in the time of the fire that happened at Hall's Coffee House, 4*li.*, and to several porters, labourers, and the servants of the House for their pains at the said fire, 40*s.* In all, 6*li.*

To the old man that looked after the necessary houses, in the time of his sickness and towards burying of him, 2*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To Partridge, for a large ball of copper set on the clock house, 2*li.* 5*s.*

To Filmer, for a large mould carved in wood for casting of earthen pots for the garden, 8*li.*

To Thomas Holland, the plateman, for the loan of plates, knives, linen, etc., on the grand day, 1st Nov. 2*li.* 10*s.*

To Edward Browne, guardian to Mrs. Ellen Ball, for the moiety of Dr. Sherlock's house rent, 20*li.*

To Davenant, for the use of himself and the rest of the players for acting the play in the hall called "The Scornful Lady," on last grand day, 1st Nov., 20*li.*

To Penn, the stationer, for paper and parchment, 5*li.* 7*s.* 1*d.*

To William Wensley, for a year's fee farm rent due from this society at Michaelmas last, and 1*s.* for the acquittance, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To Oliver and Hooke, for measuring the new buildings and vaults, three times, and expenses, 5*li.* 9*s.*

For drawing the articles for building and writing three fair copies and engrossing the same, and parchment and attending Dr. Barbon, etc., about settling the prices, etc., 5*li.*

Sum total of receipts, 3,172*li.* 7*s.* 3*d.*
Disbursements, 1,603*li.* 13*s.* 8½*d.*
Balance, 1,568*li.* 13*s.* 6½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1685-6, March 1. Certificate by H. Norwoc that the books, etc., in William Norwood's late chamber are the goods of his elder brother, Richard Norwood.

1686, May 16. A note that Heath Edwards, Thomas Myddelton, George Selby, and John Owen had received the sacrament in the Temple Church.

1686, August 19. Certificate by Robert Milborne, Francis Pigott, and Thomas Smith, that the bell made by William Wightman, bell founder, for the society, is a better bell than that made by James Bartlett, bell founder. Witnesses, Thomas Riggs, Sa. Jackson, and Thomas Tompion, the clockmaker, at the corner of Water Lane, Fleet Street, London,

1686. Petition of Thomas How, that having studied civil law at the university of Cambridge in 1676, and having admitted himself to the society, and been in commons eight years, hearing it was intended to have an honorary call, he stood a candidate, but was rejected, although he (having a considerable estate) never intended to make any profit or advantage thereby. He prays he may be called. Note, that he was called on 13 May, 1686.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 November, 2 James II., A.D. 1686, before JOHN MOSYER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, LANCELOT JOHNSON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of George Bridgeman, second son of Sir John Bridgeman, bart., and grandson of the late Lord Keeper Bridgeman.

Alexander Fraser called to the bar.

Admissions, *ad eundem gradum*, of Nathaniel Axtell, who was admitted to Lincoln's Inn on 1 December, 1677, and called to the bar in Hilary Term, 1685; and of John Evelyn, who was admitted to the Middle Temple on 2 May, 1672, and called to the bar on 9 February, 1682.

Orders as to payments in arrear for chambers, and for Mr. Stacy, reader of the Temple, to be paid 10*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 6 February, 3 James II., A.D. 1686-7, before SIR JOHN HEATH, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, LANCELOT JOHNSON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Orders as to chambers and admittances thereto, and that Francis Purley be declared a complete reader upon payment of 100*li.*

PARLIAMENT held on 11 February, 3 James II., A.D. 1686-7, before THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Thomas Gardiner, John Richardson, John Keeling, Jervas Berkley, Richard Edwards (son of Edwards of the bench), Richard Buckby, Charles Baker, William Waddington, George Nott, John Smith, Thomas Chapman, Henry Box, Brocas Gardiner, William Bloome, Martin Hildesby, and William Smythe, called to the bar.

Parliament held on 24 April, 3 James II., A.D. 1687, before Charles Holloway, Richard Edwards, Francis Purley, William Farrer, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

Pension assessed double, and William Farrer chosen reader.

Parliament held on 30 October, 3 James II., A.D. 1687, before Sir John Heath, Richard Powell, Charles Holloway, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

Pension assessed single.

Philip Pargiter chosen reader for Hilary vacation.

Auditors:—Purley, Farrer, Cardrow, and Blincow, for the treasurer's accounts; and Hodges, Fuller, Leigh, and D. Nicolls for the steward's accounts.

Treasurer:—Sir Robert Sawyer continued.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 6 November, 1686.

Petition of Alexander Fraser that he, being admitted in Hilary term, 1662, continued in commons several years, and in 1670 went abroad to travel, so that he could not attend the exercise of the House; for three years he has been in England and studying the laws of this kingdom; having now encouragement from the Duke of Albemarle to attend him in his government of Jamaica, he prays that to qualify him for practise in that island, he may be called to the bar. Whereupon it is ordered that he be called to the bar provided he receive the sacrament in the Temple Church.

Bench Table held on 15 and 22 November, 1686.

Orders that Levett's chamber be padlocked, he being expelled; that the debts to the steward be paid; that upon the petition of Elyas Dyer, the puisne butler, who is in a consumption, he be allowed 5*s.* a week till next term; that John Blencoe, William Genew, and

Edward Ward be nominated readers for Clifford's Inn; that John Dawling, Samuel Trotman, Thomas Tutt, Dodd, Simpson, and Francis Twisden be nominated readers for Lyon's Inn; and that Robert Fagg, Samuel Carter, and Charles Vaughan be nominated readers for Clement's Inn.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 November, 1686.

Petition of John Stacy, clerk, that he has for several years served the society by reading divine service twice every day in the Temple Church, for which he received from each House the bare salary of 15*li.* a year (without a chamber or commons), which allowance is so small (the great rates of lodgings and all other necessaries about these parts of the town considered) that he cannot pay for the ordinary conveniences of life. He therefore prays for an advance in his allowance. Whereupon a committee was appointed to meet a like committee of the Middle Temple.

Petition of William Kelyng that since the death of his father, who was chief justice, he has by fine and misfortune been reduced to great straits, and that by the cruel prosecution of a creditor he is thrown into the prison of Ludgate, where he is destitute of all means of deliverance. He prays that the bench will assist in his redemption from prison. Whereupon it was considered that as he is not a member of this society no order should be made.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 November, 1686 and 29 January, 1686-7.

Orders that the nuisances in the new buildings be viewed; that Harris, the organ maker, be paid the further sum of 100*li.* upon security of his bond; and that payment of duties and commons be made.

BENCH TABLE held on 3 and 5 February, 1686-7.

Orders for Deane, Wynne, and Fell to attend the table; that certain chambers be viewed; that Brocas Gardiner, who has been near four years in commons, and rebuilt his chamber in Serjeant Hampson's building which was burnt down, be called to the bar, he

having an unexpected opportunity of advantage abroad requiring that qualification; that Richard Edwards, son of Edwards of the bench, be called to the bar; that Martin Hildesley, upon his Majesty's special recommendation, be called to the bar; and that further proceedings in this call be respited till the last parliament of this term.

BENCH TABLE held on 7 and 10 February, 1686-7.

Orders that the cellars in Sir Robert Sawyer's Buildings and the new chimneys made since the building was erected, be viewed; upon the petition of Seth Elliott and Jane, his wife, who have "been both dark for several years," that 5*li.* per annum be added to their salary; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 11 February.

BENCH TABLE held on 11 and 12 February, 1686-7.

Orders that upon Winne's denying that there had been any digging under his ground chamber in the new buildings, a second view thereof be taken; that Roger Jenyns may change the lives in his chambers; that a further 30*li.* be allowed the masters of the bench, towards wainscotting of their bench chambers.

BENCH TABLE held on 22, 25, and 26 April, 1687.

Orders that 5*s.* a week be allowed to Edward Burton, the second cook, he being hurt in his side by spitting the chines of beef on the eve of Grand day; and as to Cooke's chamber; and that the petition of John Adams that his duties may be remitted, be referred to a committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 7, 8, 11, and 13 June, 1687.

Orders for the building over the arch in the passage into Mitre Court, to be viewed; that the exercise butler give notice to Trinder and Fuller to attend the exercise of the House; that Fuller attend the table to show cause why he did not attend the exercise; that all judges and serjeants that are called from this society have

notice to quit their chambers; that John Prinn, for presuming to come into commons without giving bond, and refusing to come to the upper mess of the bar, be suspended commons; and that the chambers of Adams and Dalton be viewed.

BENCH TABLE held on 26, 27, 28, and 29 October, 1687.

Orders that John Cressett be appointed master of the revels in the place of Charles Cooke, deceased; that Bowyer and Purley do wait on the lord chancellor and master of the rolls to invite them to dinner on Grand day next; that William Farrer and Fuller do wait on the judges and serjeants to invite them to dinner on the same day; that Chaire's chimney and others of a like nature be viewed; that Prinn be restored into commons; and that various chambers be viewed.

Order that a committee do treat with the Middle Temple upon the matter of their pulling up the rails in the Temple Lane, erected for securing the Crown Office Building, and to settle the place for the erection of such rails; also as to a conveyance to be made to trustees of both Houses of the ground or soil of the Temple; and as to the number of new lights to be set up in the society and their places and prices.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer, from 4 November, 1686, to 30 October, 1687.

Money received upon the aid roll, for repair of the church, and upon the subscriptions, 24*li.*

Received for the trees in the King's Bench Walks, after allowance for taking and carrying, 6*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Charles Cook, as master of the revels, for an allowance on Grand day, and the four following nights in Michaelmas term, 1686, 12*li.*

To Stacey, the reader of the Temple church, allowed to him by act of parliament, 10*li.*

To Harris, the organ maker, upon security of his bond, 100*li.*

To Minors, for wages and for Gazettes for the masters of the bench, 2*li.*

To Robinson, for the musician's fee in Michaelmas term, 4*li.*

To Davenant, for the use of the players that acted "The Spanish Priest," the Grand day, Feb. 2, 20*li.*

To Tompson,[1] the clockmaker, for the clock over the hall, 60*li.*

[1] So in MS. but possibly a mistake for Thomas Tompion, the well known clockmaker, see p. 239.

To Charles Cooke, master of the revels, for grand day, Feb. 2, 4*li.*

To the bell founder, for the clock-bell over the hall, 21*li.*

To Leonard Hancock, for 44 load of gravel used in the garden, at 2*s.* a load, 4*li.* 8*s.*

To Nicholas Young, the mason, for repairing the stairs at the water side for two years, 2*li.*

To Cressar, the carpenter, for the moiety of his bill, for work done upon the church, 2*li.* 17*s.*

To Edward Hodgson, for the moiety of his bill, for mending, and new hanging the bell in the Temple church, 6*s.* 3*d.*

To Warne, the painter, for work done about the clock house and elsewhere, 34*li.*

To Bernard Peircey, for the use of Mr. Neller (*sic*), for the picture of the Lord Chancellor Jeofferies, set up in the hall, 50*li.*

To Browne, guardian to Mrs. Ellen Ball, for a year's rent for Dr. Sherlock's house, 20*li.*

To Silvester, the clerk of the church, 1*li.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

To the receiver of the Queen dowager's fee farm rent and for the acquittance, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To Cressar, the carpenter, for the clock case, garden gates and other work, 103*li.* 6*s.*

Sum of the receipts, 1,935*li.* 15*s.* 1½*d.*
Disbursements (total not given).
Balance, 343*li.* 13*s.* 10½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1686, December 6. Receipt by R. Norwood for books (a catalogue of which is given) found in his kinsman's chamber.

1686-7, January 24. Receipt by Anne Vincent for certain deeds relating to the lordship of Great Smeaton, in the county of York, which were found among the papers of Richard Langhorne, deceased.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Parliament held on 20 November, 3 James II., A.D. 1687, before Sir John Heath, Thomas Farrer, Charles Holloway, and others. Sir Robert Sawyer, treasurer.

Special admission of Peter Holloway, youngest son of Sir Richard Holloway, one of the justices of the Court of King's Bench.

Order that Thomas Tutt and William Simpson be auditors for the treasurer's accounts, in the place of James Cardrow and John Blencowe, who are called to the bench.

James Cardrowe, Paul Foley, Sir Nathaniel Powell, knight and baronet, John Blencowe, and Edward Ward called to the bench, and Charles Bludworth called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 November, 3 James II., A.D. 1687, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, RICHARD EDWARDS, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Order as to the payment of arrears for chambers.

"Whereas the liberty granted formerly to the gentlemen of this society in the time of Christmas, intended only for a civil and moderate recreation, hath for many years past degenerated into licentiousness and disorder, to the great offence of Almighty God, the scandal and dishonour of this society, the corrupting and debauching of divers young gentlemen, members of the same, and unless timely prevented may endanger the total subversion of the good government thereof; and although great care hath been taken and divers good acts from time to time made for regulating Christmas commons and redress of such shameful disorders, yet they have always proved fruitless and unsuccessful, and have not produced that good effect expected from them. For the preventing therefore of so great mischiefs, inconveniences, and farther growing evils of this nature in time to come, it is upon full debate and consideration thereof had at this parliament, enacted, that for the time of Christmas now next ensuing, no commons shall be kept within this House, but the commons of this House shall dissolve and break up on the Saturday preceding St. Thomas' day next, and not begin again until the Saturday night next ensuing the feast of the Epiphany, and in the mean time the keys and possession of the hall, buttery, kitchen, and other rooms and places of like public office for this House," shall be left with the treasurer. And if any fellow shall, contrary to this act, presume or endeavour to have commons kept during the time aforesaid, he shall *ipso facto* be totally disabled from being called to the bar, and be subject to such other punishment as the bench shall impose.

PARLIAMENT held on 12 February, 4 James II., A.D. 1687-8, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Special admission of James Cardrow, son of James Cardrow.

Commutation by Philip Pargiter, chosen reader, for his reading.

Order that the proposals of the Middle Temple about the lecturer be referred to a committee; and that parliament be adjourned to Thursday.

PARLIAMENT held by adjournment from the 12th to the 16th February, 4 James II., A.D. 1687-8, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRAR, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Order upon the report of a committee that Dr. Woodroffe, the present lecturer, be discharged, and Dr. Sherlock, now master of the Temple, is hereby desired to take care for providing such person as he shall think fit to preach afternoon sermons until such time as the respective societies shall make another order therein, and that the treasurer shall pay to Dr. Sherlock 50*li.* per annum, being the moiety of 100*li.* proposed to the said Dr. Sherlock for such allowance. And it is further ordered that Dr. Woodroffe have notice given him thereof, and be discharged the Sunday before the next term.

Edward Hurst, Richard Blanchard, Henry Blake, George Perry, Nathaniel Lucas, Richard Arnold, Thomas Dunstar, John Travers, Samuel Short, George Sawyer, Richard Sauchy, and Andrew Phillipps called to the bar. And Anthony Gwynn called to be an associate to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 13 May, 4 James II., A.D. 1688, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRAR, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

The choice of reader respited till next parliament.

William Tempest, prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, to be called an associate to the bar.

Special admission of William Wyne, second son of John Wyne, deceased.

PARLIAMENT held on 27 May, 4 James II., A.D. 1688, before THOMAS FARRAR, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, LANCELOT JOHNSON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Sir Robert Sawyer chosen reader.

Special admission of John King, second son of Sir John King, deceased.

Order that Thomas Maningham be chosen lecturer of this society, during pleasure, at 50*li.* per annum, pursuant to the report of the committee appointed to treat with a committee of the Middle Temple.

Order that Francis Piggot, gentleman, be hereby appointed organist to this society during pleasure, at 25*li.* per annum, pursuant to the report of the said committee, the said organist paying for an able and sufficient blower.

William Tempest, prothonotory, called to sit at the upper mess of the bar table.

PARLIAMENT held on 4 July, 4 James II., A.D. 1688, before SIR JOHN HEATH, THOMAS FARRER, CHARLES HOLLOWAY, LANCELOT JOHNSON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

William Tempest, prothonotary, is called an associate to the bench.

Thomas Cooper, Tobiah le Gresce, Thomas Simpson, Henry Trinder, Robert Algood, and Nathaniel Pigott called to the bar.

PARLIAMENT held on 28 October, 4 James II., A.D. 1688, before JOHN MOSYER, RICHARD EDWARDS, LANCELOT JOHNSON, and others. SIR ROBERT SAWYER, treasurer.

Pensions to be assessed double, and John Hodges chosen reader.

Auditors :—Courtney, Cardrow, Hooper, and Wilkinson, for the treasurer's accounts, and the same for the steward's accounts.

Order that there be no public entertainment or music in the hall on the grand day of the term, only an "exceeding dish" and a bottle of wine to each mess throughout the hall.

Upon the earnest request of Sir Robert Sawyer to be discharged from the place of treasurer, it is ordered that John Mosyer be chosen for the year ensuing.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

BENCH TABLE held on 2 and 3 November, 1687.

Orders that Charles Bludworth be called to the bar; and that Nathaniel Bond, James Cardrow, Paul Foley, Sir Nathaniel Powell, William Genew, John Blencow, and Edward Ward be called to the bench.

BENCH TABLE held on 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, and 19 November, 1687.

Orders that a committee shall examine what acts are in force touching the carrying of commons out of the hall; that Thomas Elliott be admitted gardener in the room of Seth Elliott, deceased; that several chambers be padlocked; that gentlemen in arrear with commons do attend the table; that certain chimneys be stopped up in the new buildings, and as to chambers to be altered and viewed; that Prinn attend the table to answer as to the failure of exercise; that a committee report upon the failure by Henn to read; that Grant be expelled and prosecuted at law for breaking off the padlock from his chamber door; that Bond and Genew be excused being called to the bench; and that Soares, the porter, have a new gown.

Order that Thomas Pettit and William Pettit be called to the bench (19 Nov.).

Orders that Bowyer, Purley, and William Farrer do review the act against keeping of Christmas, and if there need any alteration, to prepare the same; and that Purley inquire of Justice Milton when he intends to remove out of his bench chambers.

BENCH TABLE held on 22, 23, 24, and 25 November, 1687.

Orders that Thomas Velley's petition as to his chamber be referred to a committee; that Richard Fagg be fined 40*li.* for not reading at Clement's Inn; that Edward Probys' proposal for a new building, on the west side of the garden, be referred to a committee; that Francis Twisden, Samuel Trotman, Edward Hildyard, Richard

Osborne, Thomas Gibbons, and Robert Abbot be nominated readers for Lyon's Inn for next year; that the petition touching the chambers of Abell Bradley, be referred to a committee; that Robert Daney, John Hales, and Charles Whitaker be appointed readers for Clement's Inn; that the gentlemen called to the bench take their places on Saturday; that John Elsinn, Charles Baldwyn, and John Dawling be chosen readers for Clifford's Inn; that Lord Chancellor Jeffryes' chamber be viewed; that the revels in the hall be suspended for this night (25 Nov.) by reason of Belbin's illness, and his lodging being so near the hall; that upon the petition of Richard Langhorne that his father's papers may be delivered up to him, such clients as have deeds in the custody of the House can have the same on application to the treasurer; that upon the petition of John Prinn, his amercement, for not appearing at an imparlance, do stand; and that it be left to the treasurer to do as is accustomed about the petition of Martha Reinolds, widow, for the arrest of Warwick Ledgingham, who owes her 100*li.* on bond and refuses to pay her, threatening to pump her and throw her into the Thames.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 January, 1687-8.

Order that the whole table or any three be added to the committee to consider the proposals of Edward Probees and partners as to building in the garden.

COMMITTEE held in the Library 26 January, 1687-8.

Resolutions as to the proposed buildings on the west side of the garden, to consist of four staircases, that they be 40 ft. in depth, that the Temple Lane be the only passage to them, that the builders be allowed one life, that there be no chimneys in any cellars, etc.

BENCH TABLE held on 28 January, 1687-8.

Order for Leighton's chamber to be viewed.

BENCH TABLE held on 4, 6, and 7 February, 1687-8.

Orders for chambers to be viewed; that upon the complaint by

William Winn, the persons inhabiting his chamber have notice to remove.

Bench Table held on 8 February, 1687-8.

Order that the consideration of the treasurer's letter to Sir John Heath be deferred till Friday, at dinner.

Order that the table be moved that at the next parliament it may be enacted for the future, that, in the absence of the treasurer, it may be in his power to nominate the next senior bencher in commons to hold a parliament to prevent a default of proceeding in relation to the government of the House.

Bench Table held on 10 February, 1687-8.

The petition of Stacy, setting out that for several years he has served the society by reading prayers twice every day in the Temple Church, for which he received from each House the salary of 15*li.*, without the advantage of a chamber or commons, which allowance is small, and the rates of lodgings and other necessaries in these parts of the town being so high that he cannot provide and pay for the ordinary conveniences of life. He therefore prays that his allowance may be advanced. Order thereupon that the under-treasurer do inquire what the Middle Temple have done for Stacy.

Orders, upon signification of his Majesty's pleasure by the Lord Chancellor, that Ed. Hirst, a member of this society, be called to the bar; that Thomas Cooper, upon making it appear to the table that he has left off the practice of an attorney, be also called to the bar; that Richard Blanchard and the others (except Southey and Phillipps) named at the parliament held on 16 Feb., be called.

Bench Table held on 13 February, 1687-8.

Orders that the projectors of the new building give in their answers; that certain chambers be viewed, and other orders as to chambers; that the bonds of those in arrear to the late steward be put in suit; and that the musicians be paid what was owing to them, when Cook was master of the revels.

Order "that for the future, in the absence of the treasurer, it may be in his power (after such time that the first parliament in any term ought to have been held) to nominate the senior bencher in commons to hold a parliament, and that the same at the next parliament to be held for this society, be enacted as a standing rule for the future."

BENCH TABLE held on 14 February, 1687-8.

Orders as to chambers; that upon the report of a committee, it was enacted that "whereas it hath been thought expedient to discharge of the lecturers of each society of the Temple, and there having been offers made by the masters of the Middle Temple unto the masters of this society for their concurrence therein," it is thought expedient, upon the discharge of Dr. Woodroffe, the present lecturer, that Dr. Sherlocke, now master of the Temple, be desired to take care for procuring such persons as he shall think fit to preach the afternoon sermons, until such time as the respective societies shall make other order therein. And the treasurer shall pay Dr. Sherlocke for the maintenance of such preachers the sum of 50*li.* a year. And Dr. Woodroffe be discharged the Sunday before next term.

BENCH TABLE held on 15 and 16 February, 1687-8.

Orders that chambers be viewed; that widow Elliott's petition be referred to a committee; that posts be placed on both sides of King's Bench Walks to keep the coaches from the buildings and vaults; that widow Elliott be allowed a room in the garden house, and 13*li.* a year; that pallisadoes be continued from the north end of Sir Robert Sawyer's Buildings to the garden gate; and that Fiennes be allowed to make a new window to his chamber.

BENCH TABLE held on 9, 10, 12, and 14 May, 1688.

Orders that certain chambers be viewed; that William Tempest, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, be called an associate to the bar; that John Stacy, the reader of the Temple

Church, have 10*li.* paid to him; that a committee do search for precedents whether Sir Robert Sawyer, the present treasurer, is liable to be chosen reader; that the petition of John Belford, chief cook, for an addition to his salary, be referred to a committee; that the petition of William Soares, the porter, for an allowance while he is incapacitated with a broken thigh, be referred to the treasurer; and that the under-treasurer examine what persons Andrew Archer and Abraham Dudly are and when admitted, complaints having been made against them.

BENCH TABLE held on 16 May, 1688.

Order that a committee do adjust the proportions upon the several chambers and the Crown Office, except the upper room which by the rule of the House is to be exempt, in regard that they are at the charge of repairing the roof.

BENCH TABLE held on 24 May, 1688.

Order that Mosier, Holloway, Edwards, and Johnsonn be a committee to treat with a like committee of the Middle Temple touching the choice of a joint lecturer, and to propose Thomas Manningham, recommended by the Master of the Rolls. They are also desired to propose Francis Piggot for organist to both societies.

BENCH TABLE held on 26 May, 1688.

Order that various chambers be viewed; that the choice of reader and the case of Sir Robert Sawyer be adjourned till next parliament.

"The committee appointed to treat with a committee of the Middle Temple touching a joint lecturer having this day reported to the table that the Middle Temple have already chosen Mr. Maningham their lecturer, provided this society did concur therein, at the salary of 100*li.* per annum, 50*li.* by each society. And they have also chosen Mr. Francis Piggott to be their organist, at 50*li.* per annum, 25*li.* by each society, the said Mr. Piggott finding and paying

an able and sufficient blower, provided this society did concur with them in the said choice. It is ordered that the further consideration thereof be referred to the next parliament."

BENCH TABLE held on 28 May, 1688.

Orders, upon the petition of Elizabeth Mills, widow, a servant of the society, that she be paid 5*li.* for her immediate relief; and that the petition of John Belford be taken into consideration next term.

BENCH TABLE held on 21, 25, 26, and 28 June, 1688.

Order that the judges, who were of this House, be attended by the several benchers in a body touching the choosing of Sir Robert Sawyer, as reader; that the consideration "of the articles proposed for the organ maker and organist to enter into the House" be referred to Pargiter, Hodges, Cardrow, and Blencowe; that the petition of Nicholas Baxter touching Fig-tree Court, be referred to Holloway and Johnsonn; that certain chambers be viewed; that the act of parliament for regulating exercises and restraining the gentlemen from pressing to be called to the bar, be screened; and that Mercy Wood be paid 3*li.* 12*s.* for medicines for Christmas Temple.

BENCH TABLE held on 29 and 30 June, 1688.

Order that Sir Robert Sawyer pay 100*li.* and be discharged from being a reader; that certain chambers be viewed; that 5*s.* a week be added to the former allowance of Cure; that on the further petition of Elizabeth Mills, 5*li.* be paid her; and that Belford, the cook, have 4*li.* and 40*s.* for each Grand day in Michaelmas and Hilary terms.

BENCH TABLE held on 4 July, 1688.

Order that the petition of Mrs. Warner, as to getting in the debts due to her late husband, the steward, be referred to a committee; that the petition of Robert Fenwick, vintner, for a piece of land by Hare Court for a vault, be referred to a committee; that the request

of Thomas Foley for a piece of land adjoining the bog houses be referred to a committee; and that Thomas Cooper, Tobiah le Grosse, Thomas Simpson, Henry Trinder, Robert Allgood, and Nathaniel Pigott be called to the bar.

Bench Table held on 5 and 7 July, 1688.

Order that the difference between Sir Robert Sawyer and the masters of the bench, as to the readership, be referred to a committee; that Serjeant Geers' chambers be viewed; that the payment of widow Warner's money be stayed till next term; that Serjeant Geeres have leave to make a new window, and that the gates going out into White Friars be shut up from the end of the last seal day of this term till the first day of Michaelmas term.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 30 October, 1687, to 28 October, 1688, being the fifth year of the treasurership of Sir Robert Sawyer.

Receipts.

Moneys received upon the Aid Roll for repairs of the Temple Church and upon subscriptions, 38*li.* 15*s.*

Disbursements.

To Davenant, for the use of the players for acting the play called the "Cheat of Scappin"[1] in the hall, last Grand day, Nov. 1, 20*li.*

To Cressett, the master of the revels, for his allowance for Michaelmas term, 1686, 10*li.*

Dr. Sherlock, Dr. Woodroffe, and Stacey for their salaries, as usual.

Various payments for nursing foundlings.

To Robinson, for the use of himself and the rest of the musicians in Michaelmas and Hilary terms, 2*li.*

To the same, ordered by the bench upon their petition, 3*li.*

To John Miller, the carver, for the moiety of his bill, 3*li.* 8*s.*

To Markendale, for the moiety of his bill for curtains to the organ in the Temple Church, 6*li.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

To Dr. Woodroffe, for preaching three several sermons, 6*li.*

To Stacey, by order of the bench, upon his petition, 10*li.*

In part for the organ in the church, 300*li.*

To Sabin, for work done in the Temple Church, 3*li.* 15*s.*

For faggots for bonfires at the birth of the Prince of Wales; on the thanksgiving for the Queen's delivery; and on the King's birthday.

To the organist, half a year's salary, 12*li.* 10*s.*

To the joiner, for the moiety of his bill for work done in the Temple Church, 19*li.* 13*s.*

[1] The "Cheats of Scapin," by Otway, founded on "Les Fourberies de Scapin," by Molière.

To the clerk of the church, for wages and disbursements, 1*li.* 5*s.* 10*d.*

To the pavior, the moiety of his bill for work done in the Middle Temple Lane, 8*li.* 3*s.* 5*d.*

For paving the summer house in the garden, 6*li.* 11*s.*

To Maningham, the lecturer, for a quarter's salary, 12*li.* 10*s.*

For the porter's gown, 5*li.* 18*s.*

To the executors of Dr. Ball, for a year's rent due for Dr. Sherlocke's house, 20*li.*

For the moiety of the charge for levelling the churchyard, 21*li.* 15*s.*

For the Queen Dowager's fee farm rent and an acquittance, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To Penn, the stationer, 4*li.* 5*s.*

For new flower pots in the garden, 7*li.* 6*s.*

To the herald painter, 4*li.* 15*s.*

For two new sergeants that went out and two purses, 10*li.* 2*s.*

Receipts, 2,337*li.* 8*s.* 4½*d.*

Disbursements, 1,655*li.* 13*s.* 2*d.*

Balance, 681*li.* 15*s.* 2½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1688, July 27. Receipt by John Tasburgh, for certain writings found in the chamber of Richard Langhorn, deceased.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

Bench Table held on 2, 5, 7, and 8 November, 1688.

Orders that the treasurer be desired to provide a quarter cask of Canary and a hogshead of Claret to be presented to Dr. Sherlock, the master of the Temple; that the steward's apparels be referred to a committee; as to Mrs. Warner's petition; as to Gurden's chamber; as to treating with the patentees for maintaining the lamps now in use and six more; that the night watch be doubled this term; and that Charles Bludworth and Daniel Man attend the table about their beating the watch.

Bench Table held on 10 November, 1688.

Order that the order of 2nd November for giving a present to the master of the Temple be vacated, and that he be presented with a pair of silver candlesticks engraved with the arms of the House, of the value of from 18*li.* to 20*li.*

Bench Table held on 10, 14, and 22 November, 1688.

Orders that Edwards and others inspect the act of parliament for a licence for a way through Mitre Court, and the restraint of

having public houses there, and to send to such of the inhabitants as they should think fit; as to the qualifications of the night watch; that the petition of Gwillim be referred to a committee.

BENCH TABLE held on 23, 24, and 26 November, 1688.

Orders that the case of Viner be inserted in the next parliament paper; that posts and rails be set up from the Garden Stairs to the rails at the north end of Sir Robert Sawyer's buildings; that the question of giving leave for the making of steps in and within the cellar wall towards the Cloister, be referred to a committee; that a committee consider about the abating of the wall above the King's Bench Walks, the disorder of the pales, and raising the ground on the north side of Hare Court; that the petition of John Farrington as to a chamber, be referred to a committee; and that the steward's apparels be paid out of the treasury.

BENCH TABLE held on 13 and 15 December, 1688.

Upon a thorough search for strangers, it was found that there are divers gentlemen of the Middle Temple and some strangers lodge in the House, and an order was made that the chief butler do give notice to the owners of chambers, wherein strangers lodge, that they cause their chambers to be speedily cleared of all such lodgers.

BENCH TABLE held on 25 January, 1688-9.

Orders as to the removal of dung and soil behind the King's Bench Office; and for the extraordinary watch to be discharged.

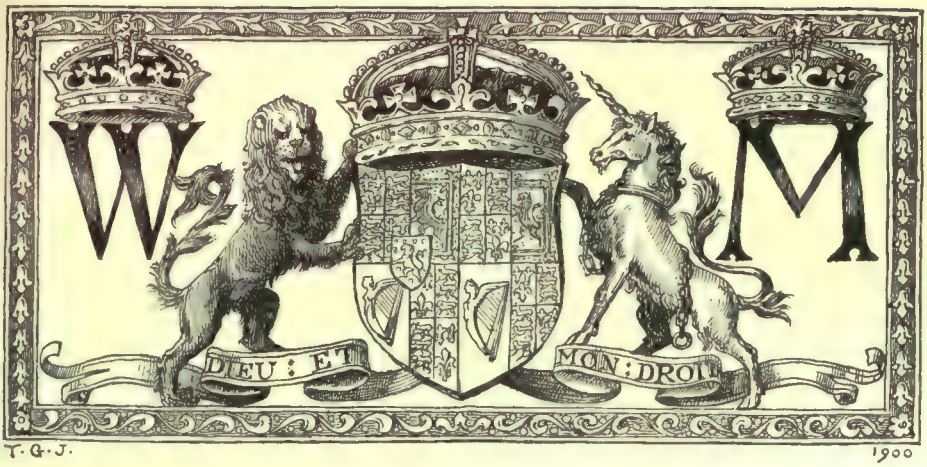
BENCH TABLE held on 1, 9, 11, and 12 February, 1688-9.

Orders for chambers to be viewed; that Buckle, the washpot, be badge porter, and William Berry who is nominated head porter, to deliver him the badge and chain, and that a committee consider the duties of the porter; that William Fell attend the table for making a door near his chamber into the garden, upon which he was dis-

charged; that Farrer's chamber be wainscotted at the charge of the House; and as to the removal of rubbish on the north side of Hare Court.

Order (12 Feb.) upon consideration of the unsettledness of the times, the table are of opinion, and do declare that vacations shall not be required of the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar this Hilary vacation, and they are discharged thereof accordingly.

THE INNER TEMPLE GATEWAY AND THE PRINCE'S ARMS, NO. 17, FLEET STREET.



ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

William and Mary.

THE following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments with the number of their attendances during the year:—John Mosyer, treasurer, 6; William Farrer, 5, once as deputy treasurer; Charles Holloway, 3; John Osborn, 3; Richard Edwards, 2; Nicholas Courtney, 2; Richard Powell 2; Thomas Trevor, 2; Philip Pargiter, 1; and Thomas Farrer, 1.

1688-9.

Feb. 10.—Orders that 40*s.* be paid to Rowland Morgan, one of the turnspits, and that "the remainder of the wainscot be finished according to what is already done."

1689.

April 21.—Pensions to be assessed double.

Special admission of Henry Pollexfen, son and heir apparent of Sir Henry Pollexfen, the King's attorney general; of John Blencow, son and heir apparent of John Blencow; and of John Bridgeman, son and heir apparent of Sir John Bridgeman, and grandson of Sir Orlando Bridgeman, knt. and bart., late lord keeper of the Great Seal.

Thomas Trevor, attorney general to the Queen, and John Osborn, K.C., called to the bench.

April 28.—Whereas Nathaniel Bond and John Powell have received writs to call them to the degree of serjeants, according to ancient custom, they are called to the bench table.

Ralph Grainge called to the bar.

Special admission of John Trinder, second son of Henry Trinder, serjeant at law.

The choice of reader postponed.

May 12.—Edward Baldwin chosen reader.

Ralph Howland, James Woodhouse, Heneage Dearing, William Woodward, Henry Remfry, Richard Adderley, John Warter, the elder, John Prinn, Henry Holloway, Godfrey Hellier, Edward Cooke, Richard Baldwin, John Fulham, John Stevensonn, Thomas Webb, William Dudley, William Farrer, the younger, William Hanbury, Leonard Powell, James Newton, Edward Bostock Fuller, Maurice Kellett, Richard Edwards, the younger, John Owen, and John Trenchard called to the bar.

Order that the under-treasurer do procure the Communion Book at the bench table and examine which of the afore-mentioned gentlemen have received the sacraments before they are sworn at the table, and that John Hodges, reader for Lent vacation, do pay 100*li.* in discharge of his reading.

June 9.—Arthur Weavor, Thomas Petyt, John Clendon, and William Petyt are called to the bench, paying 50*li.* each to the treasury.

June 18.—Special admission of John Weaver, son and heir apparent of Arthur Weaver.

Authority given to the treasurer to issue out of the treasury 50*li.* towards the relief of the poor distressed Protestants, lately come from Ireland.

Upon consideration of a letter sent from the lords of the Treasury to the Attorney General, and by him communicated to this society, touching the Poll Bill, it is ordered that the consideration thereof be referred to the table to-morrow.

Order for the adjournment of this parliament. Memorandum that no parliament was held according to the adjournment.

Oct 27.—Pensions assessed double.

James Cardrow chosen reader for Hilary vacation.

Auditors :—Johnsonn, Cardrow, Hooper, and Leman for the treasurer's accounts, and the same for the steward's accounts.

Treasurer :—Thomas Trevor, A. G. of the Queen.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

April 19, 20, 25, and 26.—Orders for the admission of the son of Sir Henry Pollexfen; that no more be done regarding Smith, who made the organ, till he has attended the committee and answered their objections; for certain chambers to be viewed; that Thomas Trevor, K.C., attorney general to the Queen, and John Osborn, K.C., be presented to be called to the bench (20 April); that the petition of Mercy Wood, widow, be referred to a committee; and that Ralph Grainge be proposed at the next parliament to be called to the bar.

May 2.—Orders that Trevor and others be "a committee to consider the rates now paid for burials in the Temple Church, the rounds, and back churchyard, and what rates they think convenient to be paid for burials in the new built vaults, and to confer with a committee of the Middle Temple concerning the same"; and for a chamber to be viewed.

May 6.—Orders that Trenchard, Baldwin, son of Baldwin of the bench, and Powell, son of Sir Nathaniel Powell of the bench, be put in the paper for the call to the bar; that the vintner at the Star Tavern at Temple Gate "attend the table on Thursday, about the annoyance of his bar bells, etc."; that a committee do search for precedents touching the special admission, gratis, of the sons of associates to the bench; and that Trevor and others be a committee to consider of the dead wall lately pulled down between the Alienation Office and Sir Robert Sawyer's chambers, and what may be fit to be further done in relation to the ground above and below, and to consult the draft of the said ground made by Mr. Hooke.

May 8, 9, 10, and 11.—Orders for chambers to be viewed; that the gentlemen named at the parliament held on 12 May (except Henry Remfry and Richard Edwards and with the addition of Adrian Scrope and Edward Noell) be proposed to be called to the bar[1];

[1] In the margin of this entry, is written in a later hand "soldiers."

that the master of the Star Tavern, upon his promising respect to the society, be dismissed; that last term's rolls for casting into commons be paid out of the treasury; that those who have been called to the bar within two years, and have not taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and received the sacrament according to the orders of the House, shall attend the table; that the petition of Grant be referred to a committee; and that the petition of Dolben be considered, when he is admitted to the chamber.

JUNE 3.—Orders that Richard Barthrup, the puisne butler, do cease to keep an alehouse in White Friars; that certain chambers be viewed; that those who were called to the bar and have not taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy shall do so within six days; that the steps going out of the church porch into the Inner Temple Lane be new laid and otherwise altered, and that iron rails be placed there if the treasurer shall think fit.

JUNE 7.—Orders as to the petition of Grant about his chamber, and as to the petition of Mercy Wood for an allowance; that there be two new silver bowls and half a dozen new spoons provided for the use of the Bench table, to be paid out of the treasury; that Mr. Attorney Trevor and others be a committee to treat with a like committee of the Middle Temple, touching the brief on behalf of the Irish protestants; that the gentlemen called to the bench on 9 June, with the addition of Sir Thomas Littleton be proposed; and that John Elsum be fined for not reading at Clifford's Inn.

JUNE 10 and 11.—Orders that the work of levelling the ground by Finche's Buildings do proceed; that the porter do bring the keys of the great gate going into White Friars to the treasurer or senior bencher, then in the House, at 10 o'clock, from Lady day to Michaelmas, and from Michaelmas to Lady day at 8 o'clock, and the keys of the little door always an hour sooner; that a key of the Water Gate be provided for the porter; that a pair of light gates be made where the old gates were at the Crown Office; that another light gate be made between Fig-tree Court and Elm Court; that another be made at the south west corner of the Cloister; that the prices of the chambers in Sir Robert Sawyer's Buildings be left to the treasurer; that the matter of Serjeant Hampson's chambers be referred to a committee; and that the gentlemen who were called to the bench, do take their places at the bench table.

JUNE 12, 14, and 15.—Orders for chambers to be viewed, padlocked, etc.; that 10*li.* be presented to Stacy, the reader of the Temple Church, as a benevolence; that the treasurers of both Houses do meet touching the paving of the south churchyard, near the Cloisters; that those who were called to the bench and cannot comply with the order for the payment of 50*li.*, do give bonds for the same; that 5*li.* be paid to Paul Walthall towards the burial of Cure; that the petition of John Warter be referred to a committee that John Prinne's amercement for failure of exercise do stand; that upon the report of the committee, parliament be moved to enable the treasurer to issue 50*li.* towards the relief of the protestants who have lately come from Ireland; and that Dolben's case be referred to a committee.

JUNE 17.—Order "that the windows in the building belonging to Farr's Coffee House, next to Sir John Trevor's Buildings, in the Inner Temple Lane, be continued as they formerly were with lattices only towards the Temple Lane, and the ground rooms to be used and employed for cellars only as formerly."

JUNE 18.—Orders upon the report of the committee that the price to be set upon burials in the new built vault be 3*li.* for a member of this society, and 4*li.* 10*s.* for a stranger, "in consideration that the master is debarred from burying any person in the chancel or body of the church." Orders as to chambers, and that the letter from the Lords of the Treasury to the attorney general, touching the Poll Bill, be referred to the next parliament.

JUNE 19, 20, and 21.—Orders that Holloway and others be a committee to confer with the Middle Temple about the Poll Bill; that at the next parliament the act calling several gentlemen to the bench, shall be made void (except as regards Weavor) upon their neglect to come up to the table; that a dial be made for the clock in the hall; and orders as to chambers.

OCT. 25 and 26.—Orders that all the masters of the bench have notice to be in the hall at dinner upon Monday next; that Baldwin's letter, the admission of Mr. Prothonotary Cooke's son, and Minors' petition be considered when the table is full, and the petition of William Clarke, the second butler, as to building, be referred to a committee.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 28 October, 1688, to 27 October, 1689, being in the treasurership of John Mosyer.

Receipts.

Admissions to the House, 161*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Admittances to chambers, 169*li.*

Admittance to a House chamber, 100*li.*

Rents belonging to the House, 33*li.* 14*s.*

Caution money upon calls to the bench, 200*li.*

Pensions and Preachers' duties upon calls to the bench, 48*li.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

Vacations and amercements upon calls to the bench, 23*li.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

Caution money for vacations upon calls to the bar, 88*li.*

Caution money for buying chambers upon calls to the bar, 200*li.*

Pensions and Preachers' duties upon calls to the bar, 67*li.* 13*s.*

Vacations and amercements upon call to the bar, 71*li.* 10*s.*

Pensions and Preachers' duties from other gentlemen, 121*li.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

Vacations and amercements from other gentlemen, 65*li.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

Upon the Aid Roll and subscriptions, 18*li.*

Receipts under no particular head, 72*li.* 13*s.* 5*d.*

Received from proprietors in Hare Court for their melioration money, 17*li.* 14*s.* 8*d.*

Debts of last year received, 20*li.*

Balance from last year, 681*li.* 15*s.* 2½*d.*

Disbursements.

Dec. 3. To William Gardiner for silver candlesticks [weighing 64 oz. at 6*s.* 2*d.* the ounce, and engraving them] presented to Dr. Sherlock by order of the bench table, 20*li.*

Faggots for bonfires [on the King's return from Rochester, on the arrival of the Prince of Orange, on the day of Thanksgiving, on the arrival of the Princess of Orange, on the proclaiming of the King and Queen, on the coronation of the King and Queen, on the Queen's birthday, and on the birth of the Duke of Gloucester].

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock, master of the Temple at 100*li.* a year, to Manningham, the lecturer, at 50*li.* a year, and to Stacey, the reader, at 15*li.* a year.

For nursing foundlings, as before.

To the gardener, for the new plantation in the King's Bench Walks [for horse chestnut and lime trees, etc.], 24*li.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

To the musicians, fees in Michaelmas Term, 2*li.*

To Henry Miland, the smith, the moiety of his bill for work done in the church, 6*s.* 9*d.*

To Gabriel Collins, the moiety of his bill for a surplice for Dr. Sherlock, 1*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To Butlin, the ironmonger, the moiety of his bill for locks used in the Temple Church, 11*s.* 3*d.*

To the four new serjeants and four purses, 20*li.* 4*s.*

To the master of the revels, for his allowance on the grand day and other nights in Hilary Term, 1688, 8*li.*

To the vintner for wine [Canary and Claret] spent at the bench table in Michaelmas term, 1688, 14*li.* 1*s.*

To the gardener, the moiety of his bill for gravelling the back churchyard, 19*s.* 5*d.*

For pulling down the dead wall near Finch's building, 3*li.* 5*s.*

To Paul Walthall, by order of the table, towards the burial of George Cure, an ancient barrister, 5*li.*

To Stacey, by order of the table, 10*li.*

To the gardener, for disbursements ["for sallating the hall in Grasse weeke," for

"bough pots," for strewing the hall in Easter and Trinity terms, etc.], 1*li.* 10*s.* 6*d.*

To the vintner, for wine [Canary, Sherry, and Claret] spent at the bench table in Easter term, 23*li.* 17*s.* 8*d.*

To Piggott, the organist, 12*li.* 10*s.*

To the clerk of the church [to the sexton for going about with the bell, for washing surplices, cleaning the plate, for hassocks, for 10 prayer books for a blessing on their Majesties' forces by sea and land against the French king, etc.], 1*li.* 12*s.* 10*d.*

To the goldsmith [for two bowls weighing 12 oz. 5 dwt. at 5*s.* 2*d.* per oz. and 6*s.* each making; 6 spoons, weighing 9 oz. 1 dwt. at 5*s.* 2*d.*, and 1*s.* 6*d.* each making; a salt, weighing 18 oz. less 2 dwt., at 6*s.* 2*d.* per oz.; and for 'boiling up" an old salt and bowl, 1*s.* 6*d.*], 12*li.* 3*s.*

To the carpenter, for making a pair of gates for the Crown Office, etc., 5*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

To the mason, for marble chimney pieces used in Pargiter's bench chamber in the new building, 9*li.*

To the upholsterer, for green silk curtains for the music room, 3*li.* 2*s.*

To the joiner, for work done in the chamber over against Pargiter's, 35*li.*

To the painter, for work done in the chamber of Pargiter, 19*li.*

To the joiner, for work done at Pargiter's chambers, 57*li.* 2*s.* 2*d.*

To the Irish Protestants, by order of the table, 50*li.*

Receipts, 2,160*li.* 3*s.* 3½*d.*

Disbursements, 1,616*li.* 9*s.* 9*d.*

Balance after certain disallowances, 549*li.* 3*s.* 6½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1688-9, Feb. 8.—Copy of an act of parliament of the Middle Temple, that from henceforward no member, not being the King's Attorney General or Solicitor General, shall be elected to be reader, or be treasurer, or choose a bench chamber, but in order of his seniority from his being called to the bench.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments, with the number of their attendances during the year: Thomas Trevor, treasurer, 4; Charles Holloway, 4; William Farrer, 3, once as deputy treasurer; Thomas Farrer, 3; John Osborn, 2, once as deputy treasurer; and Sir Nathaniel Powell, 1.

1689.

Nov. 24.—Special admissions of Samuel Leving, grandson of Timothy Leving, serjeant at law; and of Henry Powell, fifth son of Sir Nathaniel Powell, at the request of his father.

Nathaniel Pigott, lately called to the bar, is suspended commons for refusing to take the oaths required by law, which were tendered to him at the bench table, and his call is declared null and void.

Order as to the dimensions of the proposed building of William Clark, the second butler.

Parliament adjourned till Thursday.

Nov. 28.—Admittance of John Hodges to a chamber.

1689-90.

Feb. 9.—Orders as to admittances to chambers, and the compounding for vacations and vacation amercements; and for parliament to be adjourned.

Feb. 13.—Special admission of William Longueville, second son of William Longueville, master of the bench.

Order that if John Hodges do not pay the balance of the 100*li.* due for his reading, that James Cardrow, the present reader, shall have his bench chamber.

"Whereas in and by an order of the bench table made the 31st day of January last, Thomas Yarbrough, gentleman, and others therein mentioned, for keeping a riotous and disorderly Christmas, contrary to the rules and customs of this House, were ordered to be expelled this society" which order as regards Thomas Yarbrough and John Aston is confirmed, but the case of Edward Floyd is respited till the first parliament of next Term.

1690.

June 1.—Parliament adjourned without proceeding to any business.

June 2.—Pension assessed double.

Paul Foley chosen reader.

Adrian Scrope, Edmund Gibbon, Henry Stevens, Edward Noell, Charles Ventris, Anthony Gwynn, Henry Vernon, Matthew Whitchcote, Richard Graham, Robert King, Robert Wynn, Edward Repington, James Harrington, John Hill, Shadrack Blundell, William Ellis, James Bonwick, Francis Annesley, Edward Vaudrey, and Francis Page called to the bar.

The expulsion of John Aston is annulled.

Oct. 26.—Order confirming an order of the bench table that

the Trinity vacation commons be discharged, because it appears that the Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal did sit in the hall of this society some part of the said vacation.

Auditors :—Cardrow, William Pettit, Hooper, and Tucker for the treasurer's and steward's accounts.

Edward Ward, chosen reader.

Treasurer :—William Farrer, her Majesty's solicitor general.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

1689.

Oct. 28.—Orders that Holloway, Edwards, and Johnson be a committee "to treat with a committee of the Middle Temple touching the assessment of the societies and to report their own opinions and the opinion of the committee of the Middle Temple thereupon, to the table;" and that the excuse tendered by Baldwin touching his being chosen reader, be disallowed.

Oct. 30.—Order that Edwards and others be a committee to treat for setting up and keeping of lights in such places as they shall think requisite.

Oct. 31.—Orders for the under treasurer to give the names of those gentlemen who have been sued; upon the report of the committee touching the assessment, that the further debate on the matter be adjourned, and that Courtney and Thomas Petit "be appointed a committee to inspect former acts of parliament to see by what words this society hath been made liable to payment of taxes and to report their opinions by Tuesday next"; and that the consideration of the petition of William Clark, second butler, be adjourned.

Nov. 4.—Orders that Gwillim attend the table as to the payment of his commons; and "that the principal and ancients of Clement's Inn be summoned to attend the table on Wednesday next to show cause why that society is not in commons."

Nov. 5, 6, and 7.—Orders that Carpender, the brewer, attend to show cause why he does not supply the House with better drink, and that he lay in good, wholesome, well brewed beer, that is not bitter; further order for the attendance of the principal and ancients of Clement's Inn; as to Clark's petition; that Gwillim's case as to making a cellar be referred to a committee; that Nathaniel Pigott,

Martin Kildesley, and Richard Delamer do attend the table; and that upon Pigott's refusal to take the oaths according to law, his call is vacated, and he be suspended commons for coming into hall as a barrister without having taken the oaths.

Nov. 8.—Orders for the attendance of Wynne and Pickering, touching their endangering the new buildings by digging under the foundations, and that Clarke be permitted to build on the waste ground by the necessary houses.

Nov. 9 and 13.—Orders that Wynne be put out of commons for contempt in not attending the table; that the principal and ancients of Clement's Inn appearing, be dismissed; and that the prosecution of the gentlemen sued for commons, be stayed.

Nov. 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, and 28.—Orders as to the viewing and disposal of certain chambers.

Orders (22 Nov.) that Thomas Gybbons, chosen reader for Lyon's Inn, be fined 40*li.* for neglecting his duties, but if he pay 20*li.* before the end of next term, he shall be discharged; that Richard Andrews, Edward Hildyard, John Acourt, Charles Whittacre, Edward Clarke, and Richard Osborne be appointed readers for Lyon's Inn; that Samuel Trottman, Francis Berkley, and Thomas Taylor be appointed readers for Clifford's Inn; and that John Hales, Samuel Carter, and Edward Jennings be appointed readers for Clement's Inn.

1689-90.

Jan. 27.—Order "that the several commissioners appointed for the society by the late Act of Parliament made for granting an aid to their Majesties of 2*s.* in the pound for one year, be desired to be at the table on Wednesday next at dinner in order to consider of putting the said Act in execution."

Jan. 28.—Orders "that the table to-morrow do consider of what hath been proposed to them by the Middle Temple touching the proceedings upon the Act of Parliament for granting an aid to their Majesties of 2*s.* in the pound for one year;" and that Yarbrough and the others concerned in the last Christmas do attend the table.

Jan. 29.—Orders "that three of the commissioners appointed for this society by the act for granting an aid to their Majesties of 2*s.* in the pound for one year, do meet a like number of the commissioners

of the Middle Temple on Monday next, and that notice be given to the Middle Temple thereof accordingly;" and that the treasurer and Mr. Solicitor Farrer do on Friday next invite the judges to dinner on the grand day, and Clendon and William Petyt to invite the sergeants.

JAN. 31.—Orders that there be no grand day or invitation of the judges; that Thomas Yarbrough, Edward Robey, John Aston, and Edward Floyd, concerned in the last Christmas, be expelled the society; that "the treasurer and Mr. Solicitor Farrer do attend the lord chief justice and pray his aid against the said Mr. Yarbrough, etc., and also against Mr. Goodrich, John Money, stationer, and others that assisted the said Mr. Yarbrough in keeping a riotous and disorderly Christmas, contrary to the rules and orders of the House, whereby strangers were introduced and gentlemen of the House excluded and the officers and servants of the House abused."

FEB. 1, 5, and 6.—Orders that on the petition of John Money, the stationer, his submission be accepted and his name be left out of the order; that the steward's poundage for wine be cast into commons; upon complaint of Sir Charles Porter that some persons from Sir John Edwards' chamber have broken his windows several times, that Sir John Edwards do attend the table; that Sir Robert Sawyer's patent does not extend to give him precedency in the hall of this society; and as to the disposal of a bench chamber.

FEB. 7.—Orders that "the upper mess of the bench table have an allowance at nights of one exceeding dish of the value of 1*s.* and no more, to be put in the 'Quilibett Book,' and no other exceedings at the other messes of the table"; that the uppermost mess "have two bottles of sack and two of claret each meal, and that every other mess have a pint of sack and one bottle of claret, and so in proportion through the table"; and upon the petition of Richard Robinson, on behalf of himself and the rest of the music, that they have 40*s.* for their attendance in Hilary last in full satisfaction of all demands.

Orders upon the petition of the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar on behalf of the gentlemen that kept Christmas, that the same be rejected; that Robey attend the table and make good the suggestions of his petition; that such of Sir John Edward's sons as lie in their father's chambers in Hare Court do attend the table; and that Thomas Velley's chamber be viewed.

FEB. 8.—Orders as to Sandy's composition for vacations and amercements; that Robey, distinguishing his case from the others concerned in the late Christmas, have his expulsion taken off and he be restored into commons; that Gwillim's petition be considered; and that Edward Floyd's expulsion be stayed for the present.

FEB. 10, 12, and 15.—Orders that the two butlers, Berry and Smith, be the persons to summon the gentlemen concerned in keeping the late disorderly Christmas, as the lord chief justice shall require, and the under treasurer do receive his lordship's commands for summoning Goodrich of the Middle Temple, who is concerned therein; as to a conference with the Middle Temple regarding Jackson's petition; and as to viewing, etc., of chambers.

1690.

MAY 9, 14, 23, 27, and 31.—Orders that the commissioners for the last Poll Tax meet, in order to put the act in execution; that a committee be appointed to inquire why the accounts were not examined and signed by the auditors; that Edward Floyd tender his 40*s.* according to ancient custom; that Holloway, Thomas Petyt, and Clendon be added as assistants to the auditors; that certain chambers be viewed and repaired; that Aston be restored into commons upon paying his duties and tendering 40*s.*; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 2 June, 1690.

JUNE 21, 26, and 30.—Orders that the petition of John Bromfield be referred to a committee; that Pigott cannot apply to have liberty to dispose of his chamber till he has made his application to the masters of the bench and be actually restored into commons; that the commons be set as before; that the gardener no longer keep an ale house or sell drink; and that the door out of the gardener's lodge towards the Watergate be bricked up.

JULY 3.—Orders for Thomas Petyt to pay the 50*li.* due on his call to the bench on pain of suspension; and that on the petition of the gardener, a committee be appointed to consider the question of making him some recompense by augmenting his salary or otherwise, but the former order for bricking up his door to be executed.

JULY 5, 9, 11, and 12.—Orders that Sir Nathaniel Powell and others be a committee to confer with a committee of the Middle Temple to consider what is fit to be allowed Stacey, the reader of

the church, beyond his salary; that commons be discharged and the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar be excused the next Trinity vacation; that Minors be allowed 4*li.* a year for the Gazette and newspapers, etc.; that George Shyers' petition as to a building be rejected; and orders as to chambers.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 27 October, 1689, to 26 October, 1690, being in the treasurership of Thomas Trevor.

Receipts.

From Richard Hargrave at the Rainbow Coffee House for a year's rent for the lights into Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for enlarging two windows in the Inner Temple Lane, 2*s.* In all, after allowance for the 3*s.* tax, 7*s.* 4*d.*

From Mrs. Warner, the late steward's widow, for a year's rent for the house in the churchyard, after allowance for the tax of 3*s.* per pound, 5*s.* 8*d.*

Money received in the aid roll and subscriptions, 8*li.* 5*s.*

Disbursements.

To Ralph Davenant [for the use of Betterton and the rest of their Majesties' players] for the play acted in the hall called "The Squire of Alsatia" on 1 Nov., 1689, 20*li.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires [on his Majesty's birthday, on Gunpowder Treason, and Queen Elizabeth's birthday], 2*li.* 5*s.*

To Richard Robinson, for himself and partners [the music for Michaelmas and Hilary terms and for Gunpowder Treason], 4*li.*

To Joseph Wooton for 1,225 tons of gravel at 3*s.* a ton, used in the Great Walk, 180*li.*

To the pavior [for the new kennel on the east side of the Great Walk], 23*li.* 10*s.*

To the painter, for painting the Crown Office Gates, 10*s.*

For wine [Canary and Claret] spent by the Bench Table in Michaelmas term, 36*li.* 8*s.*

To Smith, the organ maker, in further part for his organ, 100*li.*

To the tinman for putting up the lights in the Temple [4 large great lights in the Great Court, a large square light for the treasurer, a large square light for Mitre Court, lamps with three glasses for Tanfield Court, Hare Court, Figtree Court, and at the end of the Cloisters], 47*li.*

To the gardener, the moiety of his bill for work done in the north churchyard between both Houses, 7*s.*

To the oilman for oil for the lamps, 8*li.* 10*s.*

To the clerk of the church [for holly, ivy, and rosemary for the church at Christmas, for candles for the church the last winter, to the sexton going about with the bell, prayer books for the fast day, etc.], 4*li.* 5*s.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires [on the day the King and Queen were proclaimed, the King and Queen's coronation day, the Queen's birthday, and the birthday and return of King Charles II.], 3*li.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires [for his Majesty's good success in Ireland and for the surrendering of Drogheda], 2*li.* 5*s.*

To Browne, the watchman, for burying the old man that kept the bog-houses, 16*s.* 6*d.*

To William Minors, chief butler, for board wages, news letters, gazettes, etc., for the bench, 9*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

To the potter for a large pot made for the garden, painted in oil, 1*li.* 5*s.*

To the gardener [for wages, "sallating for the hall in Grass week," for strewings and "bow pots" for the hall in Easter and Trinity terms, etc.], 6*li.*

To the woodmonger [for a load of Kentish faggots for a bonfire on the King's happy return from Ireland, and another for a bonfire on the Thanksgiving day for his Majesty's good success in Ireland], 1*li.* 10*s.*

To the plasterer [for whitening the two staircases going into the hall, the Cloisters, the passage by Tanfield Court, and the piece of fretwork in the Cloisters, etc.], 7*li.* 15*s.*

To the puisne butler for disbursements for candles, etc. [for 13 doz. candles at 6*s.* a doz., for looking after the clock, etc.], 6*li.* 1*s.* 5*d.*

To Browne, guardian to Mrs. Ball, for a year's rent for Dr. Sherlock's house, after allowance for the tax, 14*li.*

To Duncombe, a year's rent due to her Majesty, the Queen Dowager, at Michaelmas, after allowance for the tax, 8*li.* 11*s.*

To the smith [for a smooth filed hook and staples for Mr. Speaker's "mase" in the church, keys for the church pews, for pales in the cross lane in the Inner Temple Lane, for iron work for the bar in the hall, etc.], 31*li.*

To the bricklayer [for making up the Thames wall that was opened to bring up gravel, turning an arch over the well in the walks by Finche's Building, etc.], 22*li.*

To the carpenter [for work, stuff, and nails used in the church rounds, "for work, stuff, and nails to make the degree and all the chancery bars in the hall"], 21*li.*

To William Clarke, the second butler, for making the porter's gown and disbursements [5½ yards of Spanish cloth, 16 doz. loops and tufts, 9 doz. of tufted buttons, 2½ yards of orange hair plush, 2 yards of "Padesway serge," for silk and galloon, and for making the gown, for tobacco and glazed pipes for the use of the commoners, for 2 sacks of charcoal for the same, for coach hire to invite judges, and for staves and wands], 9*li.*

To the mason [for 25ft. of old Purbeck laid to mend the passage by the old steps in the passage by the church], 15*li.*

To the under treasurer [for the venison presented by Lord Commissioner Keck to Hooke, the surveyor, for his pains directing the workmen and settling their bills that secured the foundation of the new buildings, for coach hire on several occasions in receiving of money and for postage of letters, etc.], 10*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

To the master of the revels for Michaelmas and Hilary terms [4*li.* on 1 Nov., being grand day, on five Saturday nights, King William's birthday, and Gunpowder Treason, 2*li.* each], 18*li.*

For the first payment of the tax of 3*s.* per pound, 75*li.*

The receipts, 1,974*li.* 19*s.* 5½*d.*
Disbursements, 1,452*li.* 15*s.* 3*d.*
Balance, 522*li.* 4*s.* 2½*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments, with the number of their attendances during the year: William Farrer, treasurer, 12; Charles Holloway, 11; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 10; Lancelot Johnson, 6; Richard Powell, 3;

Nicholas Courtney, 2; John Mosyer, 1; Richard Edwards, 1; Thomas Farrer, 1; and Sir Thomas Trevor, 1.

1690.

Nov. 9.—Orders that Berkley may make a new pair of stairs from his chamber door upward; that the expulsion of Wynn, an utter barrister, be confirmed; and that the report of the committee concerning the Crown Office be adopted.

Nov. 23.—Orders as to admittances to and assignments of chambers; and that Edward Baldwin, who was chosen reader on 12 May, 1689, and neglected to pay his reading money, be disbenched and fined 100*li.*

Nov. 23, by adjournment.—Order "that the sum of 50*li.* be paid into the hands of Dr. William Sherlock, master of the Temple, to the end the said master may therewith satisfy the persons who, by his procurement, preached in the Temple Church during the time of the said Dr. Sherlocke's deprivation, in full discharge of the salary or stipend allowed unto the said Dr. Sherlock for Easter and Trinity terms last. And it is further ordered that the said Dr. Sherlock be paid for this present term and the terms following according to former allowances, till further order to the contrary."

1690-91.

Feb. 11.—Special admissions of Selden Vaughan, second son of Edward Vaughan and grandson of the late Lord Chief Justice Vaughan; of Francis Bostock Fuller, youngest son of Francis Bostock Fuller, serjeant at law, at the request of his father; and of Thomas Clendon, son and heir apparent of John Clendon, at the request of his father.

1691.

May 22.—Thomas Trevor is chosen reader for Trinity vacation.

May 24.—Special admission of John Cooke, son of John Cooke, chief prothonotary of the court of Common Pleas and an associate of the bench, as of Michaelmas term, 1689, at the request of his father, and not of right.

The election of a bench chamber, heretofore Mr. Grant's, and forfeited to the House by his expulsion, is adjourned to the table.

Samuel Crispe, John Clayton, Francis Eyton, Richard Lydall, Thomas Parker, William Adams, Edward Floyd, Oliver Tench, John Beresford, William Gamull, William Eyton, John Isham, William Lightfoote, and Roger Acherley called to the bar, and the said Beresford, Gamull, William Eyton, Lightfoote, and Acherley are not to be sworn till they are of full standing.

Order that the matter be respited touching the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar, who were in commons last Hilary vacation, and went out of commons with the leave of the treasurer.

JUNE 21.—John Beresford, William Gamull, William Eyton, William Lightfoote, and Roger Acherley called to the bar, notwithstanding the act of parliament of 24 May last to the contrary.

JUNE 29.—"Whereas it hath been found by experience of this society and other societies of the Law that the yearly constituting of a new treasurer in the term of St. Michael or at the death or removal of the present treasurer, doth much conduce to the ascertaining the revenue and other benefits of the society, Be it therefore enacted by this present parliament that no treasurer of this society shall continue in the office of treasurer longer than for the space of one whole year, and that a new treasurer shall be every year constituted and made at the second parliament in Michaelmas term (except the next immediate treasurer, who shall be constituted and made at the last parliament to be held for this society in Michaelmas term next, and not before). And be it further enacted that the said office of treasurer shall be executed by all the benchers of this society that have been or are liable to be readers, successively and in their turn, according to their respective seniority at the bench, and that no counsel of their present Majesties or their successors or any other person whatsoever, shall hereafter be constituted or made treasurer but according to their seniority in time at the bench of this society, except[1] such of their majesties' counsel as are now at the bench, and such as shall be hereafter attorney general or solicitor general to their Majesties or their successors, who shall and are hereby intended to be capable of the said office of treasurer of this society (for one year and no longer), according to their precedence without regard had to their seniority, anything in this act before contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

[1] Marginal note. Repealed by an act of parliament made 8th February, 1771.

"Provided in case of the death or removal of a treasurer in his year the next bencher capable, as aforesaid, shall be constituted treasurer at the next parliament held for the said society, which treasurer shall hold the same for the said remaining part of the year instead of the said treasurer so dead or removed, and be continued for the year next ensuing at the second parliament in Michaelmas term.

"And for the encouragement of the treasurer of this society, hereafter to be yearly constituted and made, as aforesaid, in the careful attending and executing the said office, forasmuch as every treasurer of this society is by virtue of his said office obliged to his constant attendance upon the service of this House during the whole terms, and for perusing the several acts and orders of this House before they are entered, and in receiving and taking the several accounts of all sums of money received and paid out for the use of the said society, and for divers other matters relating to the said office (as is hereby declared he ought to do), Be it therefore enacted that the present treasurer and every other treasurer hereafter so to be yearly constituted and made, as aforesaid, shall be allowed upon his account the sum of one hundred pounds and so proportionably for the time of his service in the said office, and that no treasurer shall claim any further or other recompense or allowance for or by reason of his service in the said office.

"Provided also that no bencher of this society shall be capable of the said office of treasurer until he hath been at the bench for the space of three years at the least, except the attorney and solicitor general. Provided also that no bencher of this society whatsoever, shall be constituted and made treasurer a second time, until all other the benchers, who are or shall be capable thereof according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, shall have first held and served in the said office, except in the case of death or removal, as aforesaid. Provided always and it is hereby declared and enacted that no treasurer of this society ought or shall pay or dispose of any sum of money exceeding the sum of five pounds, without the order of the table first had and made for that purpose, and that no surrender to the treasurer of any chamber or interest in any chamber in this society shall be available, unless the surrenderer be in life at the time of the admittance of the surrenderee."

"Whereas several questions have arisen concerning benchers taking place at the bench table of this society and their elections of bench chambers, Be it enacted that every king's counsel that shall hereafter be called to the bench of this society shall take his place at the bench table and in all other public places of this society according to the seniority and time of being called to the bench and not otherwise, except in the case of their Majesty's attorneys and solicitors general who are to take place of all other benchers of this society next to the treasurer and not otherwise, and that no king's counsel shall hereafter have election of bench chambers that shall fall in this society but according to such their seniority and place at the bench table, as aforesaid, (except such of their Majesties' counsel as are now at the bench and such as shall hereafter be attorney or solicitor general) who are hereby declared shall have priority of election of bench chambers as the same shall fall, according to their place of sitting at the table."

Order for the adjournment of parliament.

JULY 1.—Confirmation of an order of the bench table giving license to William Clarke, second butler, to build a shop on the waste ground by the bog-houses.

NOV. 6.—John Osborn, K.C., chosen reader.

Special admission of Edward Ward, son and heir apparent of Edward Ward, bencher and reader, at the request of his father.

NOV. 19.—"Whereas by the usage and custom of this society the choice of chambers by the masters of the bench hath always been and ought to be according to their seniority and priority of sitting at the bench table, beginning first with the treasurer and then the next to him, and so downwards, and whereas it hath been observed that some masters of the bench do from term to term absent themselves from the bench table and do not give their due assistance in the debating and ordering the affairs of the House and upholding the exercise thereof, and yet nevertheless will come and be present at parliaments held for this society and expect to vote and have their choice and election of chambers there, according to such their seniority, equally with those that are frequent in commons and do duly attend the business and exercise of the House, by reason and means whereof the business of the House hath been often neglected and the exercise failed, to the great prejudice and dishonour of this society." It is

therefore ordered that no bencher shall have a vote or election of a chamber at any parliament unless he shall have been personally present at the bench table and in commons two several days at least in each of the two preceding terms before such parliament, except upon reasonable excuse. Provided that this act shall not bar the king's counsel now at the bench, nor any attorney or solicitor general hereafter at the bench, nor any master of the bench that now is or hereafter shall be a member of the national Parliament, but that they and every of them shall and may have their vote and election of chambers at the parliament, notwithstanding their absence from the bench table.

Nov. 27.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts: —Clendon and W. Petyt of the bench, and Tucker and Whitacre of the bar.

Special admission of John Trevor, second son of Sir John Trevor, speaker of the House of Commons, first Lord Commissioner of the Great Seal and one of their Majesties' most honourable Privy Council, and master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Treasurer:—Sir Nathaniel Powell, knt. and bart., K.C.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

1690.

Oct. 28 and 29.—Orders as to repairs and admittances to chambers; and as to the expulsion of Wynn for digging in the cellar under his chamber.

Nov. 3, 5, and 6.—Orders that Regnier be put out of commons for digging in his chambers; that Wynn be expelled; that the repair of the Crown Office and the chambers in that staircase be referred to a committee; that Sir Samuel Astrey make an account between him and the House in relation to the repair of the Crown Office; that a parliament be held on Sunday next; that Holloway and others inquire what foreigners lodge in the society; that notice be given to the masters of the bench that they are desired to be at the table on Tuesday at dinner; and that the debts to the steward and the late steward, for commons, be collected.

Nov. 7.—Order, on a motion made, that one of the parliament

books may be made use of at a trial at Guildhall, that the under treasurer attend with the book as desired; as to the charge for the repair of the Crown Office; that Pigott's suspension be taken off; that the great gate next to Whitefriars be locked up and the porter do open the same at his discretion for the convenience of coaches passing, and that wicket gates in the same be stopped up by an iron bar or otherwise, so as to prevent burthens passing that way but not persons; and that Fairclough attend the table.

Nov. 13.—Order that George Abbott and Nicholas Wilmott, who have taken up the imparlance and made default, be amerced; that Fairclough be suspended commons for lodging his laundress and other strangers in his chamber; that Wynn's chamber be padlocked and he be expelled; that Johnson and others be a committee to consider of an adequate compensation for the trouble of the treasurer, and that a new treasurer be yearly elected according as the committee shall find agreeable to the ancient usage of the House, and that they prepare an act for presentation to the table.

Nov. 14 and 15.—Orders that a payment be made to the panierman; that Riggs, the under-treasurer, and William Clark, the butler, be suspended commons for not seeing to the padlocking of Wynn's chamber.

Nov. 17.—Orders that Riggs and Clark be restored into commons; as to the collection of debts due to the steward; as to Sir John Heath's chamber; that the great gate leading into Mitre Court be forthwith locked till further order; upon the petition of several gentlemen of Clement's Inn, that Edward Gerrard and Michael Wrightson attend the table; and that certain chambers be viewed and padlocked.

Nov. 22.—Orders that Prinn and Gamull sign the rolls of commons; that Edward Baldwin, who was chosen reader and neglected to pay his money for the same, be disbenched and fined 100*li.*; that Edward Gerrard and Michael Wrightson and the petitioners of Clement's Inn appearing, the said Gerrard do clear and discharge his accounts for the seven years he was principal of that inn before the first day of next term; which account is to be audited by two ancients nominated by the principal of the said society, and that Thomas Callow attend the auditors to show them from what he made the abstract entitled "the abstract of Mr. Edward Gerrard's whole re-

ceipts and disbursements for the time he was principal," and in case Gerrard should make default, the petitioners shall apply themselves to the bench of this society the first week in next term, who will take such further order as shall be meet, and that the petitioners apply themselves to the principal and ancients of the same House touching the accounts of Michael Wrightson.

Nov. 24.—The readers appointed to be sent to Clement's Inn are Charles Whittaker, Samuel Carter, and Richard Osborn; and John Hales, the last reader, is discharged.

Order that the principal and rules of Clifford's Inn attend the table to show cause why they did not elect a reader for the last year, and that they elect a reader for the year ensuing out of the list formerly sent them.

Order that the sub-treasurer shall prepare an act of parliament touching certain payments to be made to Dr. Sherlock, the master of the Temple (see Parliament held on 23 Nov., 1690).

Nov. 25, 26, and 27.—Orders for chambers to be viewed; that the tax on the shops of Thomas Silvester, the clerk, which are allowed him for his wages, be paid by the society; that the petition of the inhabitants of Mitre Court be referred to a committee. Information of John Money, one of the petitioners, that Minors, the chief butler, had told him that the gate leading into Mitre Court might be opened, if the inhabitants would give the said Minors and the treasurer's clerk 40*s.* each. Orders that the petition of John Brown, the under porter, for a convenient place for the lamps be considered next term; and that Richard King of Chiswell Street be appointed brewer to the society.

1690-1.

Jan. 29 and 31.—Orders that Fairclough do attend the table and remove the lodgers from and repair his chamber; that Sir Nathaniel Powell, Clendon, and William Petyt be a committee "to consider an act of parliament for the better and more methodical proceedings in drawing and passing of the acts of parliament of this society, which shall be enacted for the future; that the persons whose chambers were padlocked do pay their commons or show cause why they should not be expelled; that commons be paid; and that the

chamber of Robert Wynn, who was expelled, be padlocked with all security imaginable, he having broken off the padlock.

FEB. 3.—Orders as to viewing and padlocking chambers; that Cardrow and others be a committee to sit weekly and inquire into all things that are prejudicial to the honour or interest of the House, and any other bencher may have a voice in the said committee; that the gardener's salary be increased to 30*li.*; as to the collection of commons; that the case of Whitaker be referred to a committee; as to Sir Nathaniel Powell's chamber being turned into a bench chamber; that Fairclough be restored into commons; that Wynn, upon paying all the charges of the House, be received to petition in such manner as becomes him; and that Gerrard, not having performed the order of 22 November, 1690, shall discharge his accounts before 21st inst., the principal appointing a day, before such date, for auditing the same, and if Gerrard should make default, the petitioners shall apply themselves to the bench of this society.

FEB. 7.—Orders that Wynn be admitted to petition the table; that the under porter's petition as to the lamps be referred to a committee; that the sub-treasurer be suspended commons and fined 5*li.*; that Regnier be restored into commons; and that certain chambers be viewed.

FEB. 9.—Orders as to payment of commons, and viewing of chambers; that the sub-treasurer be restored into commons and his fine discharged; that Whitaker's case be adjourned *sine die*; that Sir Nathaniel Powell's proposals for making his chamber a bench chamber be laid aside; that the case of Godfrey Hellier be respited; that, on the petition of Thomas Silvester, clerk of the Temple Church, John Blyth, sexton, William Berry and others, "bearers," the same fees be paid them as formerly; that certain chambers be padlocked; and the bonds of certain members be put in suit.

FEB. 11.—Orders that the lamps be set in the chamber late of Tyrer, that the petition of Stacy, the reader of the Temple Church, be referred to Thomas Farrer, Holloway, Bowyer, and Hodges.

FEB. 12 and 13.—Order that the case of Edward Hildyard, who was reader of Lyon's Inn last year, be considered; as to the payment of bills; and that a list of chambers be brought to the table showing the names of the proprietors and the lodgers in the same;

and (13 Feb.) that Hildyard, upon payment of 10*li.* and all his duties, be discharged from the readership of Lyon's Inn.

"Whereas Mr. Renatus Harris did heretofore make an organ for the use of the two societies of the Inner and Middle Temple, and during the contest between him and Mr. Bernard Smyth (who likewise made an organ for the same purpose) the said Mr. Harris did, by virtue of an order of the bench table of this society made the 14th day of May, 1686, receive the sum of 100*li.* upon the security of his own bond, and by virtue of another order made the 24th day of November, 1686, did receive the further sum of 100*li.* upon giving his own bond for the same, it is ordered that the aforesaid bonds be delivered up, provided the said Mr. Harris do seal and execute a general release to the society."

1691.

May 4, 5, 7, and 9.—Orders as to the payments of duties, amercements, and debts; that all the bench be summoned for next Thursday at dinner; that the demands of the brewer be referred to a committee; that John Prinn attend the table; and that the committee appointed touching Whitaker's case, be revived.

Order (7 May) that no consideration be had or taken of the case of Bernard Smith, the organ maker, till he has sealed and executed a release to the society for the money paid for the said organ.

May 11, 12, 13, and 15.—Orders as to Chapman's and Grant's chambers; that Prinn be put out of commons for presuming to enter an order upon the steward's rolls for commons, and thereby imposing upon the bench table; that certain chambers be viewed and lodgers searched for; that there be a call to the bar this term; that Whitaker stand reader of Clement's Inn whereto he was chosen; that a parliament be held on Friday; that those who stand for the call to the bar, be presented to the table; and that the sub-treasurer prepare a list of benchers now in commons.

May 18, 19, and 20.—Orders that Grant's chamber be forfeited for his life only; that a reader shall renounce a bench chamber at this table and not elsewhere; that the brewer be paid for the beer he delivered before Christmas, but he be left to his remedy against those who assumed to themselves the power of keeping Christmas;

that notice be given of the disposition of bench chambers; and that two of the butlers be suspended commons.

MAY 22.—Order that George Berry and Thomas Smyth, two of the butlers, be restored into commons, and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 24 May, 1691.

Order that Gerrard, heretofore principal of Clement's Inn, do attend this table to-morrow to show cause why he doth not pay the money due upon his account, and that the auditors and the principal of the said inn, attend this table at the same time.

MAY 23.—Order for the special admission of John Cooke, son of John Cooke, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas.

Order that the accounts of Edward Gerrard of Clement's Inn, be referred back to the auditors nominated by virtue of the last order and to Gibson and Power of the same society, and that they proceed firstly upon the book or books of commons, secondly upon the pension roll, thirdly upon the roll of *nient in co*[*munes*?], fourthly upon the essoign roll, and to make their report to this table.

MAY 25 and 26.—Orders that the gardener may have a lay-stall behind the King's Bench Office; that Nathaniel Lucas attend the table; that the bonds of certain persons be put in execution; that Lucas be discharged from further attendance; and that the building by Clark, the second butler, be referred to a committee.

JUNE 13, 19, and 20.—Orders for the viewing, etc., of chambers; that Duncomb attend the table; that the butlers attend and state who broke open the cellar door and consumed 32 barrels of beer; that Duncombe (20 June) be amerced for his wilful failure of an exercise; that Robert Daniell, the under cook, attend the table; that the words "and to make proposals in writing for such regulations as to the said committee shall seem expedient," be added to the order of 5 February last appointing a committee to inquire into all things prejudicial to the honour and interest of the House.

JUNE 23.—Orders that Edward Lloyd pay 50*s*., his proportion for 32 barrels of beer, drunk at Christmas, 1689, before being sworn; that the matter of the fees for persons dying here and buried elsewhere be referred to the standing committee; that the little gate into Whitefriars be bricked up; and that the falling post or stump by the garden gate leading into King's Bench Walks be removed and a new standing post or stump erected to prevent coaches coming into the said Walks.

JUNE 25.—The draughts of the two acts prepared by the standing committee concerning the treasurer's precedence at the bench table and the election of bench chambers, being read and agreed to, are ordered to be presented at the next parliament.

Orders that Johnson, having paid the full sum of 150*li.* as a bencher and reader, shall have quiet possession of his bench chamber; and that the table agrees to the report touching the building of William Clark, the second butler.

JUNE 26.—The auditors of Gerrard's accounts attending the table and delivering their report, it is ordered that Gerrard have a copy of his charge, and that he and the auditors attend the table, and also that he give a positive answer in writing to the charge exhibited against him. And order that Horne, the bricklayer, shall pay for certain bricks carried away without leave.

JUNE 27 and 29.—Orders to view chambers; that Prinn upon paying arrears and attending the benchers be heard at the table in order for his being restored into commons; that lodgers, not admitted to the society, depart before Tuesday, or the chambers in which they lodge to be padlocked; and (29 June) that the principal of Clement's Inn, Thomas Callow, and the auditors, attend the table with all the house books, rolls, and abstracts, relating to Gerrard's accounts.

JUNE 30.—Order for the general admission of John Llewellin as of Hilary term, 1688, he having paid his fees to Minors; that certain chambers be viewed; that a special admission for William Degg, grandson of Sir Simon Degg, be denied, because the said Sir Simon was disbenched and fined 200*li.* for refusing to read.

The principal of Clement's Inn, Callow, and the auditors, attending the table with the house books, rolls, and abstracts relating to Gerrard's accounts, the debate thereof is adjourned.

JULY 1 and 3.—Order that the matter concerning Gerrard, principal of Clement's Inn, be referred to Johnson, Bowyer, and William Petyt; that Johnson and others be a committee to consider what bills are fit for the treasurer to sign; as to the increase of salary to Minors; that Powell's chamber be viewed; that Grant's goods be moved from his chamber; that Anthony Gwynn attend the table; that the steward's accounts for Hilary vacation, 1690, be referred to Legrosse and others; that Cressar, the carpenter, be forthwith discharged; that the Whitefriars little gate be bricked up again; that

John Warter's petition be referred to a committee; that Minors' salary be 30*li.*; that the wall next the Thames behind the King's Bench Office be abated and brought to a level with the garden wall; and that the bricks taken therefrom be used for building a green house to be held by the gardener during the pleasure of the bench.

Oct. 29.—Orders that the treasurer provide a preacher for next Sunday afternoon and the preacher to have 40*s.*; that the committee touching Gerrard's accounts make their report on Monday; and that a chamber be viewed.

Nov. 3.—Order that the committee appointed in and by an order of the table made 1 July last "to consider and report the balance of Mr. Gerrard's accounts (formerly principal of Clement's Inn) be enabled to hear and examine both the charge and discharge, and to summon the said Mr. Gerrard and the other persons concerned for Clement's Inn in order to their satisfaction, and to appoint an auditor for the said accounts, if they see cause, and such of the masters of the bench as please may be of the said committee and have voice there." Order for the viewing of a chamber.

Nov. 5 and 6.—Orders as to the chambers of John Warton, junior, and the viewing of chambers; that a committee do inquire by what authority the door leading through Legh's chamber into Whitefriars, was first made; that all the masters of the bench be desired to come to the table on Monday; and that John Legh, John Hoyle, and Matthew Lant attend the table.

Nov. 7.—Orders that the petition of Gershom Herrick be referred to a committee; that the "under treasurer signify to Sir Samuel Astrey, knight, master of the Crown Office, that it is the pleasure of this table to demand and reserve 15*li.* per annum for the rooms wherein the office of Pleas of the Crown is kept, to which demand, if the said Sir Samuel Astrey doth not agree and satisfy this table how and in what manner he will answer and pay the said rent of 15*li.* per annum, that the rooms wherein the said office is kept be padlocked up ten days next after the date hereof."

Nov. 9 and 10.—Orders as to chambers; that the matter of Leigh, Hoyle, and Lant be adjourned *sine die*; that the under-treasurer do cause Holloway's windows to be amended at the public charge of the House; that the order for increasing the rent of the office where the Pleas of the Crown are kept, be reversed, and the

office be held at the yearly rent of 12*li.* 5*s.*; that Hodges and others be a committee to prepare an act for the better regulating of election of bench chambers and keeping up the exercises of the House by this table; that the butlers give in the names of those who were in commons in last Trinity vacation, when several orders were made by the bar both for the restoring of Prinn into commons and for removing the "stump" set down by order of the bench table in the term preceding.

Nov. 11.—Orders that the vacation barristers who sat at the upper end of the mess on 6 July last, when Prinn was readmitted into commons, be summoned to attend the table; that the vacation barristers who were at the upper end of the mess and ordered the removal of the "stump," and those who reversed that order and repealed the reversing order also attend; and that an order for the better regulating of debates at the bench table be referred to Hodges and others.

Nov. 12 and 13.—Orders that the under-treasurer pay the brewer for the 32 barrels of beer used by the Christmas gentlemen in 1689, and to remind the table of the same whensoever Yarbrough shall pray to be restored into commons; that Drue Dean and Robey attend the table; that the committee for regulating the election of bench chambers, etc., be continued, and that the act prepared by them be presented to parliament; that the falling post near the garden gate be removed and a fixed post or stump be set down in the room thereof; that the orders made by the vacation barristers as to displacing and placing of the standing post or stump be expunged from the buttery books, and the consideration of their order for readmitting Prinn be respited.

Nov. 16.—Orders that when Thomas Yarbrough has satisfied the table for the 32 barrels of beer entered upon by those who kept Christmas, 1689, his restoration into commons be considered; that if Sir Thomas Bludworth does not admit himself before the last parliament of the present term, his chamber be padlocked; and that the chief butler return the names of all persons inhabiting chambers who are not admitted to the society.

Nov. 18.—Order that the falling post with lock and key be set down for the convenience of coaches to pass into the King's Bench Walks; that Grant's case be referred to a committee; and that the

fees for burial in the chapel and vaults of the society be referred to the same committee.

Nov. 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, and 27.—Orders for viewing and padlocking chambers; for the payment of debts owing to the House; that the question of foreign lodgers be referred to a committee; that the committee as to the fees for burial in the vault make their report; that the 40*s.* which should have been paid to the music be not cast into commons; as to the disposal of the money received for bar bonds; that upon payment of Sir William Pulteney's and Charles Pulteney's duties, the sum of 40*s.* be paid to the said Charles; that the consideration of the petition of the inhabitants of Whitefriars be adjourned; as to the payment of several workmen and officers; that the case of John Rugg, touching the purchase of a chamber, be referred to a committee.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 26 October, 1690, to 27 November, 1691, in the treasurership of William Farrer.

Receipts.

Money received upon the aid roll for the repair of the church and upon subscriptions, 11*li.* 5*s.*

From Edward Lloyd in part of the 32 barrels of drink consumed by the Christmas gentlemen in 1689, 2*li.* 10*s.*

Disbursements.

To the vintner for wine spent by the bench table in Michaelmas term [Canary, Claret, and Sherry], 28*li.* 8*s.* 1½*d.*

To Ralph Davenant [for himself and the rest of his Majesty's players] for the play called "Amphitryon or the two Sofias," acted in the hall of this society on 1 Nov., 1690, 20*li.*

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock, Manningham, and Stacey as before.

Payments for nursing foundlings.

To the musicians, for their fees for Gunpowder Treason and for Michaelmas and Hilary terms, 4*li.*

Faggots for bonfires [on the King's birthday, Gunpowder Treason, and Queen Elizabeth's birthday], 2*li.* 5*s.*

To the vintner, for wine spent at the bench table in Hilary term [Canary and Claret], 18*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

To the clerk of the church [for holly, ivy, rosemary, and bay, for prayer books for the Fast days, etc.], 4*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

To the gardener for disbursements [for nails and "hatt parings for the jessamines", etc.], 5*li.* 5*s.*

To the vintner, for wine spent at the bench table in Easter term [Canary, Claret, and Old Hock], 19*li.* 18*s.* 5*d.*

To him more for Trinity term [Canary, Claret, and 1 quart of Old Hock], 15*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

To the woodmonger for Kentish faggots for bonfires [on their Majesties' coronation day, the King's safe return from Ireland, the Queen's birthday and King Charles' birth and return], 3*li.*

For watching at the little gate leading into Whitefriars when it was ordered to be bricked up, 1*li.* 11*s.*

To the smith [for repairs to a chest in the church, etc.], 7*li.* 11*s.* 1*d.*

To the herald painter [for gilding, painting, and writing the arms of Hodges, Ward, Foley, Cardrow, and Trevor], 1*li.* 10*s.*

To the Queen dowager, a year's fee farm rent, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To the Company of the New River water for half a year's rent for the said water, 1*li.* 6*s.* 3*d.*

To the gardener [for cockle shells for the walks, for 6 peaches and nectrons, 2 cherries and one plum], 4*li.* 10*s.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires [on the surrender of Limerick, on his Majesty's safe return from Flanders, on the King's birthday, on Gunpowder Treason, on Queen Elizabeth's birthday, on the Thanksgiving day], 4*li.* 10*s.*

To the vintner for wine spent at the bench table in Michaelmas term, 1691 [for Canary and Claret], 34*li.* 9*s.* 4*d.*

To the bricklayer [for mending the tiling on the old buildings in the Temple Lane that was broken by the fall of the gable ends, by the great wind etc.], 22*li.*

To the under-treasurer [to Morgan and another person for going into Southwark to inquire concerning suspicious persons found in the Temple; for a warrant to search for the mother of a child left in Figtree Court by name Heneage; to the beadles and constables; to the grave maker for the grave of the said child; to the person who secured the smith, who was filing the bars, and his attendance with me the next day at Sir William Turner's; to a messenger to find out the sheriff the first time; for victuals and drink for the servants when they attended the Whitefriars business; for bread, cheese, tobacco, etc., for the workmen and labourers the first time the door was made up; for drink, tobacco, etc., for the workmen that I kept together till the tumult was over the second time; for bread, cheese, candles, etc., for the workmen and labourers who worked up the wall the last time, it being almost one of the clock on Sunday morning, the weather hot and the place close and dark; to a messenger to find out the sheriff a second time; expenses at the tavern with the sheriffs, etc., that night, in which several persons were secured; to the servants and officers of the House and others who came to give information against the rioters, the first time; to Harbottle, the sheriff's porter, for his extraordinary diligence in this business; at Guildhall for the servants a second time attending the sheriffs; to a poor workman for a trowel, plumet line, and cutting hammer taken away by the Alsatians the first time: to two workmen and a labourer whose heads were then broken and otherwise hurt (2*s.* 6*d.*); to Berry, the porter, for his expenses at the Red Lion in Fleet Street, twice, when he and the rest of the officers attended the sheriff and coroner upon the same account; and to a person for watching a woman that I suspected would lay a child in the Temple, etc.], 11*li.* 3*s.* 5*d.*

Receipts, 1,940*li.* 0*s.* 9½*d.*

Disbursements, 1,286*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

Balance, 653*li.* 11*s.* 3½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1690-1, Feb. 20. Release by Renatus Harris of the parish of St. Bride's, London, to the society of the Inner Temple.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: Sir Nathaniel Powell, treasurer, 6; William Farrer, 6, once as deputy treasurer; Charles Holloway, 4; Nicholas Courtney, 3; Richard Powell, 3; Anthony Bowyer, 3; John Mosyer, 2; Thomas Farrer, 1; Launcelot Johnson, 1; and Thomas Petit, 1.

1691-2.

Jan. 29.—Thomas Powell, brother of Sir John Powell, baron of the Exchequer, and Thomas White called to the bar.

Feb. 11.—Special admission of John Sherlock, youngest son of the Rev. William Sherlock, D.D., dean of St. Paul's and master of the Temple, out of particular respect to and at the request of his father.

1692.

April 21.—Arthur Weaver chosen reader for Trinity vacation.

Charles Whitaker, Thomas Walker, Samuel Trottman, Joseph Girdler, John Hales, Thomas Tutt, and Nathan Wright called to the bench, each of them paying 50*li.* to the treasurer.

Whereas by act of parliament of 13 February, 1689-90, Thomas Yarbrough and John Aston were expelled for keeping a riotous Christmas, it is ordered that the said Yarbrough be restored.

May 9.—Special admissions of William Tempest, son and heir of William Tempest, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas and an associate of the bench, at the request of his father (and not of right); and of Charles Whitaker, son and heir of Charles Whitaker, a bencher, at the request of his father.

Nathaniel Manlove, Thomas Northmore, Edward Gosnell, Drue Deane, William Drake, Daniel Tainturier, Robert Thompson, Thomas Boycott, and Simon Aris called to the bar.

June 6.—Orders for admissions to chambers.

Nov. 6.—Pensions for the last half year to be assessed double, and Sir Nathaniel Powell chosen reader.

Special admission of Joseph Girdler, son and heir of Joseph

Girdler, serjeant-at-law, and late a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Nov. 17.—Special admissions of Nathaniel, James, and Christopher Powell, grandsons of Sir Nathaniel Powell, treasurer, at the request of their grandfather; and of Thomas Whitaker, second son of Charles Whitaker, a bencher, at the request of his father.

John Milbourne, William Millman, and Benedict Browne called associates to the bench.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Clendon and Whitaker, of the bench, and Hildyard and Blaney, of the bar.

Treasurer :—Charles Holloway.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

1691.

Nov. 28.—Orders that Hildyard, chosen reader of Lyon's Inn last year, be discharged; that the treasurer have leave to make a door out of the ground chamber of Waters in Ram Alley Building into the Great Walk; that the master of the revels be allowed 40*s.* for the first night of the revels in Michaelmas term; that Courtney's chamber be padlocked; that Stone's petition be deferred; that Richard Andrews, Richard Osborne, Charles Vaughan, William Simpson, James Farewell, and Samuel Powell be appointed readers to be sent to Lyon's Inn; that Henry Crispe, Charles Baldwyn, and Sir John Edwardes be appointed readers to be sent to Clement's Inn.

1691-2.

Jan. 29.—Orders as to viewing chambers; nomination of Thomas Powell, brother of Sir John Powell, and Thomas White for call to the bar; that all the masters of the bench attend about the opening of the Whitefriars gates; as to the deposit on a chamber by Francis Eyton; that Yarbrough upon payment of duties and charges and visiting the masters of the bench, be restored; that the sub-treasurer and the collectors of the tax on the society, do give an account to the table, how the matter stands.

Feb. 1.—Order that Samuel Trottman, who was chosen reader of Clifford's Inn, be discharged paying his duties; that Samuel Carter

William Barnesley, aad Walter Savage be appointed readers for Clifford's Inn; and that the petitioners of Whitefriars may attend the table.

FEB. 10.—Orders that certain chambers be viewed; that the acts of parliament concerning buildings be inspected; that 10*li.* be paid to the widow of the person that was killed in the late tumult in Whitefriars; that Holloway and others be a committee to draw up reasons for the not opening of the Whitefriars gates in answer to the Lord Nottingham's letter.

FEB. 11.—Orders that the under-treasurer pay Mrs. Minors 22*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.* per annum, part of her husband's salary; for the admission of John Sherlock; that Samuel Baldwin and John Waters have leave to set up palisado pales against their chambers in Ram Alley Building, fronting the Great Walk, and may make doors into the same walk, answerable to the building on the other side of the arch; that Bowyer and Thomas Petit be a committee to wait on the Earl of Nottingham touching the affair of the little Whitefriars gate; that the mason's petition be referred to the treasurer; and that concerning the petition of Edmund Jenneys, that he be left to take his course at law.

1692.

APRIL 19, 21, and 23.—Nomination of those called to the bench at the parliament held on 21 April; orders that certain chambers be viewed; that Johnson and Courtney do attend the execution of the Poll Act for the ensuing week; that the arrears for commons be paid; that the rolls of chambers be screened; that the debate on the opening of Whitefriars gate be adjourned; and that John Hoyle be called to the bench table.

APRIL 30.—Order as to viewing a chamber.

MAY 2.—Orders as to chambers; that all committees of this society be from henceforth dissolved; that Trottman, who was called to the bench, be excused; that the consideration of the petition of Thomas Warne, painter, be referred to a committee.

Orders that there be but one passage permitted out of this society into Whitefriars, and that at the desire and request of Daniel, Earl of Nottingham, signified by his letter to the treasurer, dated 26 January last, and "upon the humble petitions and earnest suppli-

cations of the inhabitants of the said Whitefriars that the upper passage, now bricked up, be opened and a gate placed there with a wicket to be opened and shut at such times and seasons as this table shall from time to time direct and appoint, and not otherwise." Provided the said inhabitants pay the charge the society has been at in asserting their right to the said passage and gate there, and also such further charges as the society shall be at in opening the said passage and setting up a new gate, as aforesaid. And it is further ordered that the wicket in the great gate of the lower passage into Whitefriars be shut up during the pleasure of this table.

May 6 and 7.—Orders for chambers to be viewed; that upon the petition of the inhabitants of Whitefriars, the charges of the new gate be computed and the money deposited in the hands of the under-treasurer, and the said gate be finished by the under-treasurer's directions.

Nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 9 May, 1692, with the addition of the names of Samuel Duncomb, Matthew Lant, Thomas Yarbrough, John Rawlins, Robert Oneby, Henry Fendall, Daniel Man, Richard James, Fortescue Turbervile, John Dodd, Thomas Algood, and John Tilly.

May 9.—Orders that two calls to the bench in one term are irregular and therefore that the call of Hoyle on 23 April, be set aside; that the gentlemen proposed to be called to the bar and have no chambers shall pay 20*li.* caution money, and such as have chambers shall pay their duties.

Order "that upon making any order of this table, the subtreasurer for the time being (who by virtue of his office is to attend this table), shall, in a book kept for the entry of the bench table orders, particularly enter the names of all such benchers who shall be present at the making of any bench table order. And it is further ordered that if any bencher there present shall dissent to any order then proposed to be made, every such bencher shall and may at that time be at liberty to enter his disassent or protestation thereunto."

May 28 and 31.—Orders that William Barnesley, Nicholas Veel, John Marriott, William Fell, Simon Harcourt, Henry Byne, John Hill, Edward Jenner, and Thomas Heath be summoned to attend the table; that (31 May) the treasurer "do at the desire of this table request the master of the Temple to cause his most pious and loyal

sermon, preached on Sunday morning last, to be printed"; and that the chamber of William Ellis against the church door be viewed.

JUNE 1, 3, 7, 9, and 11.—Orders as to Samuel Grant's petition concerning his chamber and duties; that the under-treasurer produce his security for the treasure of the House; as to padlocking chambers; that the duties from Robert Bennett, deceased, be referred to the treasurer; that the steward bring in an account of the debts for commons; that Grant be restored into commons; and that at the request of William Tempest, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas and an associate, his chamber be padlocked.

JUNE 13.—Orders that William Petyt remind the table of the better way to regulate the taking of the steward's accounts in relation to commons; for bonds relating to duties to be put in suit; that arrears for commons be paid; that the stewards give security of 1000*li.* for paying all tradesmen; as to the debts due to Johanna Warner, executrix of George Warner, late steward, and the bills of the oilman, woodmonger, and engine man.

OCT. 29.—Order that there be a grand day, and Mr. Solicitor to the Queen and Johnson do write to Lord Commissioner Trevor and the judges formerly of this society and invite them to dinner in the said grand day, and the two junior benchers wait on the serjeants.

NOV. 7 and 8.—Order as to inquiry to be made regarding foreign lodgers and women in the House; that the report in Grant's case be sent in; and that the little gate leading into Whitefriars be opened from 7 a.m. and closed from 12 till 2 p.m.

NOV. 10.—A perusal made of a list of debts due to the steward from several gentlemen of the Kingdom of Ireland who have discontinued commons for above four years, and others who are dead and desperate, viz.:—

Irish:—Joseph Blake, Martin Blake, Oliver Bourke, Jeffery Browne, Ulisses Browne, Cornelius Callahan, Owen Callanan, Charles Carroll, Thomas Dalton, Thadeus Fitz Patrick, Geoffrey French, James Hackett, Hugh Hare, Matthew Hore, David Jonine, John Kering, Thomas Lardner, Henry Lynch, Peirce Meagher, Richard Morris, Morgan Obrian, Walter Rawleigh, John Reading, Richard Reddy, Robert Revell, Richard Sankey, Henry Seagrave, John Seagrave, Robert Shee, William Sheild, and James Stanton.

William the Third
from the original by Sir Godfrey Kneller
in the Inner Temple.

Dead and desperate :—Sir Anthony Keck, Anthony Belbin, Aspenwall, Richard Blackall, Thomas Burroughs, John Colvile, Alexander Frazer, Gataker, John Heames, Henry Jones, John Jones, Owen Norton, Philip Owen, Richard Roberts, John Shaw, William Waddington, and Rowland Wynn.

It is ordered that the steward be paid the said debts amounting to 111*li.* 19*s.* 8*d.* out of the treasury, and a committee be appointed to examine the best way to re-imburse the House.

Order that the petition of Richard Barthrup, the puisne butler, be referred to a committee.

Nov. 14, 15, 16, and 17.—Orders as to chambers ; that (14 Nov.) John Milbourn and William Millman, members of this society, be called associates to the bar ; that Thomas Petit and others be a committee to inquire what regulations ought for the future to be observed in relation to calls to the bar and associates thereunto ; that (16 Nov.) Benedict Brown, a member of this society, be called an associate to the bar ; that Grant pay 29*li.* 5*s.* 4*d.* before the table take his case into their consideration ; and that the petition of Henry Box be referred to a committee.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 27 November, 1691, to 17 November, 1692, being the treasurership of Sir Nathaniel Powell.

RECEIPTS.

From Clarke, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent of the said Inn and for two tenements adjoining, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

From Thorneton, for a year's rent, for his shop at the Temple Gate, 2*li.*

From Sir John Powell, for his melioration money, 2*li.* 12*s.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the widow of John Chandler who was killed in the late riot in Whitefriars, by order of the bench table, 10*li.*

Payments, for nursing foundlings.

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock, Stacey, and the organist, as before.

To Stacey, for three sermons preached in the Temple Church, 6*li.*

To each of the new sergeants, according to the custom of the House, and for three purses, 15*li.* 3*s.*

To the smith, for work done at the little gate leading into Whitefriars, 2*li.* 10*s.*

To the carpenter, for making a new gate into Whitefriars, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To the woodmonger, for faggots for bonfires, 5*li.*

To the engine maker, for a new branch and fitting up the engine, 6*li.* 10*s.*

To Minors, for news and gazettes, 1*li.*

To Widow Warner, pursuant to an order of the table, in full discharge of debts due to her late husband George Warner, 151*li.* 11*s.*

To the executors of Dr. Ball, for a year's rent for the house Dr. Sherlock lives in, 20*li.*

To the receiver of the Queen Dowager's fee farm rent, 10*li.* 1*s.*

To the master of the revels, for his attendance on the grand day, on 1 Nov., and 40*s.* for Saturday, 6 Nov., 6*li.*

For preaching several sermons in the Temple Church, from 15 Nov. last to 17 of this instant Nov., 56*li.*

To the players, for acting a play in the hall on 1 Nov. last, 20*li.*

Receipts, 2,097*li.* 13*s.* 11½*d.*
Disbursements, 1,287*li.* 8*s.* 4*d.*
Balance, 810*li.* 5*s.* 7½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

[1691?] An account of the rents belonging to the Society of the Inner Temple. The Crown Office, held at the pleasure of the House, 12*li.* 5*s.* The Fine Office, 10*li.* An ancient rent for Lyon's Inn, 4*li.*; and two tenements belonging thereunto, 3*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Four shops in Tanfield Court, 6*li.* Lord Fanshawe for the Exchequer Office, 2*li.* Thornton, the milliner, at the gate, for a shop, at pleasure, 2*li.* Clarke, chief butler, for the ground upon which he has built two shops near the bog-houses, 1*li.* Clarke hath liberty to build another shop by the bog-houses, 10*s.* Widow Warner for the barber's shop and rooms belonging thereto by the church, 6*s.* 8*d.* Hargrave of the Rainbow Coffee House for his lights into Hare Court and for enlarging two windows in the Temple, 8*s.* Sparks for a shed by Mitre Court Buildings, 5*s.* Roberts for two shops in Tanfield Court, 5*s.* Robert Warter for a chamber under the King's Bench Office, 25*li.* Ten inhabitants of Mitre Court for the use of the drain, each 3*s.* 4*d.* The turnspits hold Jones, the watchmaker's shop, at pleasure, 4*d.* Penn's and Clark's shop, held as a perquisite by the clerk of the church. Roundthwaite to build a room for the water engine, and over a shop, all at his own costs, to hold to him and his assigns at pleasure in rent. Dixon of the Fountain Tavern to pay yearly for his lights into the Temple Lane, 2*s.* 6*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the benchers who attended the parliaments with the number of their attendances during the year: CHARLES HOLLOWAY, treasurer, 8; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL, 5; NICHOLAS COURTNEY, 3; WILLIAM FARRER, 3; THOMAS PETIT, 3; THOMAS FARRER, 2; ANTHONY BOWYER, 2; JOHN MOSYER, 1; LAUNCELOT JOHNSON, 1; PHILIP PARGITER, 1; ARTHUR WEAVER, 1; and SIR EDWARD WARD, 1.

1692.

NOV. 27.—Special admission of Wright, eldest son of Nathan Wright, serjeant at law, late a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Admission *ad eundem gradum* of Roger Jenyns, admitted to the Middle Temple 2 July, 1681, and called on 25 May, 1688.

The question of admission upon an assignment of the Corporation of the Great Level of the Fens, called Bedford Level, to a chamber in Serjeant Hampson's Buildings, is adjourned.

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FEB. 5.—Special admission of Charles Longuevile, eldest son of William Longuevile, at the request of his father.

Nomination by the Corporation of the Great Level of the Fens, called the Bedford Level, of Roger Jenyns, junior, and admission of the said Jenyns to the ground chamber on the right hand in Serjeant Hampson's Building in Tanfield Court, in trust for the corporation.

FEB. 13.—Order, after reciting the act of parliament of 9 June, 33 Charles II., as to payments upon a call to the bench, that every bencher hereafter to be nominated reader who shall, upon his first coming to the table, have paid the sum of 50*li.*, shall pay the treasurer the further sum of 50*li.* and no more, by reason of his being so chosen reader, or upon any other account. And further order reciting the act of parliament of 29 June, 1691, as to the allowance of 100*li.* to each treasurer, that every bencher hereafter nominated reader or

shall have paid upon such nomination the sum of 50*li.*, shall, in case he shall be made treasurer, be allowed upon his accounts the sum of 50*li.* and no more, and so proportionably for the time of his service in that office. And whereas several benchers now at the table have paid their moneys according to the said first recited act of parliament, and have not yet been treasurers nor taken benefit by the second recited act, it is therefore enacted that every such bencher that has been reader and paid the sum of 100*li.* and disclaimed the benefit of a bench chamber, or has paid the sum of 150*li.* and made his election to a bench chamber, shall, when he is made treasurer, be allowed 100*li.*, and so proportionably for the time he shall serve in that office.

MAY 17.—Order that pensions for the last half year be assessed double.

Special admissions of William Twisden, third son of Sir Roger Twisden, bart., and grandson of Sir Thomas Twisden, knt., Justice of the Court of King's Bench; and of Benjamin Jenner, fourth son of Sir Thomas Jenner, serjeant-at-law, at the request of his father.

Thomas Petit chosen reader.

MAY 29.—Whereas at the parliament held on 7 February, 1685, Samuel Grant, an utter barrister, was expelled, it is ordered that he be restored.

Edward Hawke, Thomas Cuthbert, Dutton Seaman, Henry Ashurst, Edward Pleydell, Jonathan Collins, Henry Baldwyn, James Fortrey, Samuel Mills, Roscarrocke Donking, Thomas Collet, Maurice Abbot, Jacob Regnier, William Wickham, Robert Chaplin, William Levinz, and Richard Shelton called to the bar, and Nicholas Veele and William Melmeth likewise called to the bar, provided they first take the oaths to the government.

JUNE 29.—Order that Nicholas Veele be called in accordance with the act of the last parliament.

Special admission of Paul Foley, second son of Paul Foley, master of the bench, at the request of his father.

NOV. 6.—John Clendon chosen reader for Hilary vacation.

Special admission of Thomas Ward, second son, William Ward, third son, and Philip Ward, fourth son of Sir Edward Ward, attorney general.

NOV. 19.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—

Charles Whitaker and John Hales of the bench, and Robert Blaney and William Barnesby of the bar.

Treasurer: Sir Edward Ward, knt., attorney-general.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year with the number of their attendances: Charles Holloway, treasurer, 53; Clendon, 44; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 41; Tutt, 40; William Petit, 38; Mr. Solicitor to the Queen, 36; Courtney, 33; Whitaker, 33; Thomas Petit, 28; Johnson, 24; Bowyer, 21; Thomas Farrer, 19; Weaver, 17; Pargiter, 16; Hales, 16; Mosyer, 4; Cardrow, 3; Tempest, 2; Longuevile, 1; and Ward, 1.

1692.

Nov. 18.—The petition of the inhabitants residing in the upper and lower part of White Friars referred to a committee.

Nov. 21.—"Ordered that it be referred to the treasurer of the Inner Temple to confer with the treasurer of the Middle Temple in order to transfer the interest of both Temples to trustees of both societies, and Mr. Treasurer is desired to make his report to the table on or before Friday next."

Orders that a list of the vacation barristers be brought up to the table, and that the under-treasurer do bring up, the first full week in every term, the abstract of all the orders of the table made in the precedent term.

Nov. 22.—Order that it be referred to Clendon and others to consider whether there be any sum of money and what, to be allowed to any of the masters of the bench for their necessary expenses in and about their bench chambers, and to inspect what allowances have been given to any of the bench towards such their expenses, and make their report to the table before the next parliament.

The committee appointed to inquire into all foreign lodgers and women residing in the society having made their report to the table, the same is "re-referred" to the same committee to make such further report therein as they shall think fitting, viz., who are proper persons to be first removed.

Nov. 23.—Upon reading a letter from William, Earl of Bedford, as to the office of the Corporation of the Great Level of the Fen, the matter is referred to Cardrow and others to consider whether an act of parliament or order against renewing the estate be made; and the corporation is to nominate a life to be admitted upon the assignment in and to the said chamber.

Nov. 24.—Orders that the little gate into Whitefriars be open from 8 a.m, to 6 p.m.; that W. Simpson, who was chosen reader for Lyon's Inn last year, having attended the table with six names, was discharged upon paying his duties; the names presented for readers for Lyon's Inn were William Finch, Ralph Hough, Edward Jennings, Charles Vaughan, Robert Payne, and John Pottenger; and order that all benchers, that shall be chosen readers, shall pay 50*li.* each and no more, and shall receive but 50*li.* when they come to be treasurer, but those who have formerly paid 100*li.* in lieu of reading, or did actually read, shall receive 100*li.* when they come to be treasurer, and an act be prepared as to this.

Nov. 25.—Order for the attendance of the gentlemen, owners of the chambers being built in the Inner Temple Lane, called Lord Coventry's Buildings.

Nov. 26.—Further time given to certain committees to report.

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Jan. 23.—Order that the masters of the bench have keys of the little garden behind the King's Bench office, at the charge of the House; that Robert Penneston have notice to remove himself and his family out of the chambers of Sir James Fuller in the Inner Temple Lane; and that Sir James Fuller do attend the table.

Jan. 24.—Order that the under-treasurer give notice to Robert Ingram to attend the table.

Feb. 1.—A committee appointed to receive proposals in writing touching the rebuilding of Lord Coventry's Buildings; order for George Sawyer to attend the table; that Samuel Grant, upon executing such releases to the officers of the House as the treasurer shall think fit, shall have the rest of his goods and shall be restored to the House; and that the petition of Richard Barthrupp, the puisne butler, be referred to a committee.

Feb. 3 and 8.—Orders as to chambers.

Feb. 10.—Order that the act prepared as to the commutation of readers be presented to the parliament; that in the report of the committee touching the expenses of benchers upon their chambers, the sums hereafter mentioned be paid to the persons following, viz., the Treasurer, 60*li.*, Sir Nathaniel Powell, 60*li.*, Johnson, 30*li.*, and Courtney, 30*li.*; and that Thomas Petit's case be referred back to the committee to examine what he has laid out upon his bench chamber.

Feb. 11.—Order for the collection of commons in arrear.

Feb. 13.—Order that Mrs. Wynn's case be adjourned, and that the report of the committee touching future calls to the bar be referred back.

Feb. 15.—Order as to padlocking Sir James Fuller's chamber, and that neither William Rycroft nor Robert Penneston be admitted without particular direction of the treasurer; that the under-treasurer shall not admit any attorney in the vacation time without the consent of the treasurer; and that Minors, the chief butler, shall make up the rolls.

1693.

May 8, 9, and 11.—Orders as to the payment of duties; that Grant be restored into the society; and that the under-treasurer shall not present the names of gentlemen to be called to the bar till they have paid all duties.

May 12.—Upon witnesses being heard touching the robbery of John Legh, it is ordered that John Browne, the under-porter, be immediately put out of his place, and that William Berry, the head porter, do bring the said Browne's staff to the treasurer.

May 13, 15, and 16.—Orders that the four great elm trees, that now stand in the North Walk of the garden and hinder the breadth of the same and are dangerous to the buildings adjacent, be cut down and the walk made its full breadth; and that a new row of elms be planted in the green walks; that the gardener have a door, new made, to the lane to keep the garden more private; and that pales be set up in the garden near his house.

May 18.—Order in accordance with the report of the committee that notice be given or left at the chambers of the proprietors of

chambers that the inhabitants, being foreigners, do depart the society before Tuesday next, otherwise the chambers to be padlocked. There are fourteen names in all in the list which follows, amongst them John Green and family in John Meeres' chamber, John Elstobb in John Bellamy's chamber, Collins, "the graver," in Edward Frank's chamber, Humphrey Levermeere in Henry Crispe's chamber, Sir John Platt and family in William Minors' chamber, Philip Vernattee in George Shyres' chamber, and Newton in Thomas Ange's chamber.

MAY 20, 22, and 23.—Orders that Prynn be expelled for contempt; that the cutler keeping a shop under the church in Tanfield Court do remove by Friday, and that certain chambers be padlocked in accordance with the order of 18 May; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 29 May.

MAY 24, 26, 27, and 29.—Orders that the 10*s.* to be weekly paid to John Richardson be cast into commons; that John Prinn's petition be rejected; that a stop be put to the wages of Browne, the late under-porter; that Clendon be added to the committee touching the case of Serjeant Purley; that certain chambers be viewed; that a new house of office be made; and that every master of the bench that sends for his commons and is not actually in the hall, shall be cast into the quilibet.

JUNE 16.—Orders that William Gamull do attend the table, and that Thomas Smith and Richard Barthrupp, two of the butlers, "do not admit Sir Thomas Robinson's housekeeper, Mrs. Green, the glazier's granddaughter, nor any inferior person into the ladies' seats in the Temple church for the future, at their perils."

JUNE 17, 19, and 21.—Orders that Rutter be permitted to remove his papers, periwig, and wearing apparel out of Farrington's chamber, and that the chamber be re-padlocked; that Thomas Smith, the butler, be suspended commons for a false report against William Gamull; that the petition of Samuel Grant be referred to a committee; and that Thomas Smith be restored into commons.

JUNE 23, 26, and 27.—Orders for the attendance of Richard Edwards, junior, son of Sir John Edwards, and for his discharge on such attendance; that certain workmen be paid; and that the chamber, fallen to the House by the death of Charles Pindar, be disposed of.

JULY 1, 3, 4 and 5.—Orders that the case of Shelton touching the payment of his vacations be referred to a committee; that Prinne,

having paid his duties and 40*s.* according to custom, be restored into commons, and that the under-treasurer have leave to sue him; that Sir Godfrey Copley do attend the table, and the case of Le Grosse in relation to him be referred to a committee; that Clendon, Whitaker, and Tutt do discourse with the two prothonotaries as to the terms upon which they wish to be made complete benchers; and that the roof of the greenhouse be taken off and a new one made, which is to be covered with lead and wainscotted at the charge of the House.

July 5.—Orders that the gate going into the garden by the water stairs be locked up, and the gardener have a door made into the lane out of his house as formerly; that upon the report of the committee touching the charge that Petit has been at in finishing his bench chamber, that he be paid 38*li.* in full discharge of his expenses.

Oct. 27, 30, and 31.—Orders "that the committee to remove families be revived, and that they make their report this term;" that the gardener keep clean the house leading to the private garden and the houses of office; that the great gateway into Whitefriars be shut up; and that the gardener deliver the key of the pallisadoes in the garden to the treasurer.

Nov. 6, 8, 9, and 13.—Orders for the payment of debts owing to the House; that the business of Berry, the exercise butler, be adjourned; that the nuisances in Mitre Court and Ram Alley be referred to a committee; that Beresford, Gamull, Deane, Boycott, Northmore, Collett, Baldwyn, Seaman, Regnier, Tench, Veele, Shelton, Cuthbert, James, Lydall, Tainturier, and White do attend the table; and that certain chambers be padlocked.

Nov. 14.—Whereas by an order of the table of 9 November last, John Beresford and others, vacation barristers, were ordered to attend the table, and upon their attendance this day they insist that it was the fundamental right of the vacation barristers during the vacations, to order all things relating to the society and government of the House, even to the alteration and reversal of orders made by the bench in term time, excepting only what relates to the treasury and revenue of the House. Whereupon the matter is adjourned and a copy of what the gentlemen insist upon be delivered to all the masters of the bench.

Nov. 15, 16, and 17.—Orders that Francis Kellett's petition be

respited till the families be removed that are in the chambers; that Henry Crispe, Walter Savage, and Robert Payne attend the table; that a committee examine the tradesmen's bills; and that Thomas Petit be desired to attend the table.

Nov. 18.—Orders that the treasurer of Lyon's Inn do attend this table on Monday next to show cause why that society did not attend Robert Payne, their last reader; that Walter Savage, who was chosen reader of Clifford's Inn, be fined 30*li.* for his failure therein; that Henry Crispe, who was chosen reader of Clement's Inn, be fined 30*li.* in like manner; that William Finch, Michael Newman, and William Barnesley be appointed readers for Clifford's Inn; and Edward Jennings, John Legh, and John Goodfellow, readers for Clement's Inn; and Richard Osborne, James Farewell, Philip Neve, William Pudsey, James Grove, and Hugh Barker for Lyon's Inn.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 17 November, 1692, to 19 November, 1693, being the treasurership of Charles Holloway.

RECEIPTS.

From money for a year's rent for the shops in Tanfield Court, after allowance of 18*s.* for taxes, 5*li.* 2*s.*

From Clarke, treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for a year's rent, 4*li.*, and for two tenements adjoining, 3*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* In all, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

From Thorneton, for a year's rent for the shop at the Temple Gate, 2*li.*

From Whitton, the carpenter, for the trees cut down in the garden, 9*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Gilbert Lawrence for nursing of Gilbert Temple and "for her passage up and down," 4*li.* 3*s.*

To the goldsmith for bowls for the bench table, 10*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

To Minors for news letters, gazettes, etc., for the bench table in Michaelmas and Hilary terms, 2*li.*

To the music for their fees in Michaelmas and Hilary terms and for Gunpowder Treason day, 4*li.*

To the goldsmith for altering the porter's staff and "horse," 4*li.* 14*s.*

To Gillingham, the reader, for salary due at Midsummer, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To the herald painter for painting the House arms, and also for the coats of arms of three readers, 4*li.* 15*s.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To the painter for painting the pallisadoes in the Inner Temple Lane, 2*li.*

Salaries to the master, reader, and organist of the Temple church, as before.

To the executors of Dr. Ball for a year's rent for the house Dr. Sherlock lives in, after allowance of 4*li.* for taxes, 16*li.*

To the woodmonger for faggots for bonfires, 5*li.* 5*s.*

To the bricklayer for work done in and about the greenhouse, 23*li.*

To the joiner for work done in the same place, 53*li.*
For preaching twenty-nine several sermons in the whole year, 58*li.*
Receipts, 1,770*li.* 3*s.* 1½*d.*
Disbursements, 1,597*li.* 0*s.* 9*d.*, whereof 427*li.* 13*s.* 11*d.* has not been paid.
Balance, 600*li.* 16*s.* 3*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1692-3, March 24.—General release by Samuel Grant of the Inner Temple to Thomas Riggs, under-treasurer, George Downes, citizen and stationer of London, William Minors, William Clarke, George Berry, Thomas Smyth, and Richard Barthrup, butlers of the Inner Temple, and others of all actions, suits, bills, bonds, etc.

1693, May 20.—Like release by the same to John Hodges and Richard Young of the Inner Temple.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments during the year with the number of their attendances:—Sir Edward Ward, treasurer, 7; Charles Holloway, 6; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 5; William Farrer, 4, once as deputy treasurer; John Mosyer, 4, once as deputy treasurer; Thomas Farrer, 3; Lancelot Johnson, 3; Nicholas Courtney, 3; and Thomas Petit, 1.

1693.

Nov. 26.—The petition of Thomas Manning and Robert Fish be referred back to the Table.

1693-4.

Feb. 4.—Special admissions of Orlando Bridgeman, youngest son of Sir John Bridgeman, bart., and grandson of Sir Orlando Bridgeman, knt. and bart., lord keeper of the Great Seal; and of John Wyne, son and heir of John Wyne, deceased, a master of the bench.

Special admission, *ex gratia* but not *ex debito*, of George Cook, fourth son of John Cook, chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas, an associate of the bench.

Feb. 11.—Admittances to chambers only.

1694.

MAY 6.—Order for the wages of the watchmen to be suspended, and choice of William Petyt as reader for Trinity vacation.

MAY 20.—William Clarke, second butler, is appointed chief butler in the room of William Minors, deceased.

Bartholomew Beal, Phineas Andrews, Henry Longueville, Thomas Rowney, Christopher Gunman, Roger Comberbach, Henry Beeston, Anthony Keck, Lawrence Carter, William Snelling, Thomas Southowse, Robert Ingram, John Leadbeater called to the bar. Snelling not to be sworn till his duties are paid.

The discharging of Riggs, the under-treasurer, from his place, for the manifold defaults of which he is found guilty, is adjourned.

JUNE 20.—Order that Thomas Riggs, the under-treasurer, be discharged from his office, pursuant to an order of the bench table, and George Wheeler is appointed under-treasurer upon giving sufficient security.

JUNE 27.—Order that the watchmen be allowed 12*d.* each night they watched, and 12*d.* each day they warded.

NOV. 4.—Charles Whitaker chosen reader.

Special admission of Edward Weaver, second son, and Arthur Weaver, third son of Arthur Weaver, a bencher, at the request of their father.

Orders as to nominations to chambers.

NOV. 23.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—John Hales and Thomas Walker of the bench, and William Barnesley and John Dalby of the bar.

Treasurer :—Nicholas Courtney.

Order "that the thanks of the House be given to Sir Edward Ward, the last treasurer, for his great care and most frequent attendances at the bench table, and respect to the affairs and interest of this society." And that Hales and Tutt wait on him to signify the same.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances : SIR

Edward Ward, treasurer, 23; Clendon, 39; Charles Holloway, 37; Whitaker, 37; Tutt, 36; Mr. Solicitor to the Queen, 32; William Petit, 31; Hales, 30; Courtney, 28; Thomas Petit, 28; Johnson, 26; Bowyer, 21; Walker, 20; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 16; Weaver, 15; Thomas Farrer, 9; Cardrow, 8; Pargiter, 7; Mosyer, 4; and Longuevile, 1.

1693.

Nov. 20.—The treasurer of Lyon's Inn attending in pursuance of the order of 18th inst., it is ordered that he be discharged. It is also ordered that Robert Payne, who failed in his duty as reader of Lyon's Inn, be fined 20*li.*

Order that Johnson and others be a committee to consider how far the bar or the gentlemen under the bar shall be amerced for the want of the number in each to attend the imparlance.

Nov. 21.—Orders that the order entered by the last vacation barristers, "referring to any other matters and things than what concerns the exercise, hall, buttery, and kitchen, be expunged out of the Buttery Book as irregular and contrary to the constitutions of the House, and this resolved *nemine contradicente*, except Sir Nathaniel Powell to the order relating to the church only and no other"; that John Beresford, William Gamull, Drue Deane, Thomas Boycott, Thomas Northmore, Thomas Collett, Henry Baldwyn, Jacob Regnier, Oliver Tench, Nicholas Veele, Richard Shelton, Thomas Cuthbert, Richard James, Richard Lydall, Daniel Tainturier, and Thomas White, who were present at the pretended parliaments held on 17th and 18th July, be put out of commons; and that the chambers of those of them who owe 5*li.* be padlocked.

Nov. 23, 25, and 27.—Orders that Dutton Seaman's name be struck out of the list of those put out of commons at the last bench table; that George Cooke, son of John Cooke, be admitted at the next parliament; that the nuisance beside the gate that leads to Mitre Court and Serjeant's Inn be taken away, and the vault or common sewer that runs under the arch be amended; and orders as to chambers.

Nov. 28.—Orders that Minors have 40*s.* allowed him for his news and papers brought to the table this term; and that Beresford and the other vacation barristers be re-admitted into commons, for it

is the opinion of the table that they were misguided in what they did, by some late pretended and mistaken precedent.

1693-4.

JAN. 25 and 31.—Orders for the viewing of chambers and the attendance of the under-treasurer.

FEB. 1 and 3.—Orders for the attendance of John Clayton, touching a disturbance created by a "blackmore" belonging to Harcourt Goodrick, lodging in Clayton's chambers, and for the removal of Goodrick.

FEB. 7 and 8.—Orders that the consideration of the roll of chambers be referred to a committee; that a duplicate of the rolls for pensions and preachers' duties and the roll of amercements be delivered to the treasurer; that Whitaker be added to the committee touching the amercements for failure of exercise; and that Baron Powell be asked to give further time concerning Grant's business.

FEB. 9.—Order for the revival of the committee touching the terms upon which prothonotaries desire to be made complete benchers.

Order that the treasurer "declare to Lord Jeffryes that, at his lordship's desire, the House do make a present to his lordship of his father's picture, now in Mr. Holloway's chamber, who is desired to deliver the same to his lordship or his order, by direction of Mr. Treasurer."

FEB. 10.—Order that the under-treasurer be suspended from receiving the money due to the society till his accounts are allowed by the auditors, and that the treasurer appoint a receiver.

1694.

APRIL 26.—Orders that William Petit and Tutt attend Baron Powell and acquaint him that the table being very thin they desire till next week touching Grant's appeal; and that the lock on the pump in Hare Court be altered and new keys to be given to the masters of the bench.

MAY 1.—Orders that Grant's appeal be referred to Weaver and others; that Riggs forbear to meddle in the receipt of money; that Major's case touching Goodenough's chamber be referred to Weaver and others; that the houses of office be left open; and that Weaver

and others do treat with Cooke and Tempest, two associates to the bench, as to the terms for making them full and complete benchers.

MAY 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7.—Orders as to viewing chambers; that Whitaker be added to Grant's committee; that the petition of William Minors and William Clarke, the second butler, be taken on Tuesday next; that Mace be summoned to attend the table; and that Riggs' petition be referred to the auditors.

MAY 8.—Orders that Clendon and others do examine in whom the right of nomination of chief butler, during a vacation, lies by the ancient usage of the House; and to consider Mrs. Minors' petition concerning her son, Thomas; that Mace, who was served with a notice to attend the table at his father's house in the Old Bailey, be served at his chambers; that upon the report of the terms offered by Cooke and Tempest to be complete benchers, viz.:—that they were to keep their present places, be excused from reading, have chambers, and be treasurers in turn, then to pay 50*li.* each only, the table would do nothing in it; and that Dod and Legh, senior, two of the upper mess, having this day withdrawn themselves before the usual time, leaving only two of the upper house till the usual term of rising, do attend the table.

MAY 9.—Orders that Mace remove from his chamber Brunskill, his wife, brother, and servants, being strangers; that Dod and Legh having attended the table, be dismissed; that Holloway, Bowyer, and Hales be added to Grant's committee; that the treasurer deliver to Riggs his account book; that a lease be taken from the New River Company in the steward's name; and that Sir Thomas Trevor be desired to send to the treasurer the bond given by Riggs, the under-treasurer.

MAY 10.—Orders for the payment of arrears of commons; and that the matter touching a nomination of two lives to a chamber, and other matters be referred to Clendon and others.

Bowyer produced a paper stating the case between the House and Grant.

MAY 12.—Orders that Major be admitted to a chamber; upon the report of the committee touching the appointment of a chief butler it was the opinion of the table that William Clarke be chief butler in the room of William Minors, deceased; that the chambers, fallen to the House, be screened up; that the person interested in

chambers where the life in possession is dead, have notice to pay the duties and nominate another life, being a member of this society, to be admitted, otherwise the chamber to be padlocked up; that the time for the report of the committee touching the accounts be enlarged till Wednesday, when the sub-treasurer is to pay the balance of his account upon pain of dismissal; and that the petition of the inhabitants of Whitefriars be rejected.

MAY 14, 16, and 18.—Orders for chambers to be viewed; that the matter relating to Levett be referred to a committee; that the matter of Robert Ellis, the steward's man, touching the puisne butler's place, be deferred; nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 20 May; report that Riggs had not cleared his account; and request by Tutt for time to pay.

MAY 19.—The under-treasurer for his manifold defaults is discharged from his place.

MAY 21.—Order, upon the petition of John Clayton, touching the fine for his chamber; that Weaver and others go with the under-treasurer to his chambers and take into their custody all books, bonds, papers, and other things relating to this society, and to consider the best means of recovering the money due from Thomas Riggs; and that a committee do discuss with Cooke and Tempest, associates to the bench, as to their pretences in taking place at the bench table, above readers.

JUNE 12.—Orders as to the payment of certain workmen's bills, and that 240*li.* received from the three inns of Chancery for the tax, be demanded from Riggs.

JUNE 13.—Declaration by the bench that the right of nominating to the office of puisne butler, now vacant, belongs to the treasurer, and the treasurer doth appoint Matthew Johnson.

JUNE 15.—Orders that the nuisance, complained of by the reader, in the cellars under the chambers, by several laundresses, be removed at the charge of the proprietors; that such as were ready yesterday to take up the exercise be excused from amercement for that failure; that Riggs, the under-treasurer, be turned out of his office at the next parliament; and that William Wylde's petition be referred to a committee.

JUNE 16 and 19. Orders as to alterations to chambers; that Riggs be put out of his place as under-treasurer, and that Wheeler

by the majority of the table is nominated to be under-treasurer; the minor part reserving power to nominate at the next parliament.

JUNE 20.—Order that the treasurer make the payments due to a woman who nurses two bastard children.

JUNE 22.—Order that the security offered for Wheeler, the newly elected under-treasurer, be referred to a committee; that Riggs be summoned to attend the table as to the money owing by him; and that the debts for chambers be delivered by the steward to the treasurer.

JUNE 23. Orders that the petition of several workmen be referred to a committee; that Riggs deliver an account of several sums received by him; that William Petit and others do search for precedents touching the charity allowed Richardson; that 25*li.* of duties paid, be refunded to William Wylde upon production of a certificate that he has taken the oaths to the government; approval of the security of 2,000*li.* offered by Wheeler, the new sub-treasurer; that Mrs. Minors be paid what is due; and that the watchman who furnishes the lamps be paid.

"The question being put whether Mr. Treasurer shall provide the King's and Queen's pictures, to be set up in the hall or not, it is ordered that Mr. Treasurer provide them this vacation accordingly, and pay the money out of the treasury."

JUNE 26.—Report by the committee for Richardson's case that they find that Cure's first allowance and afterwards his increase granted by this society, was paid "being coloured by casting the same into commons."

Order that Wheeler's bond remain as altered.

JUNE 30.—Orders that the treasurer pay the steward 100*li.*, part of a greater sum due for apparels; and that the treasurer take measures for the recovery of the debts due from Riggs.

OCT. 26.—Order that the petition of William Arnold, the chief cook, be referred to Johnson and others, and the petition of the inhabitants of the lower part of Whitefriars be respited.

OCT. 31.—Orders that Johnson and others look into the workmen's bills; and that the charges in the suit commenced against Holloway by Weld for what he did as treasurer be defrayed by the House.

Nov. 2, 8, and 9.—Orders that the consideration of certain petitions be adjourned; that the petition of the watermen plying at

the Temple Stairs, be suspended till it be known what the Middle Temple has done.

Nov. 13.—Orders that it be referred to Thomas Petit, Whitaker, and Hales to consider of the frames for the judge's pictures, and to make their report on Friday next: and the chief cook's petition be referred to the same committee.

Nov. 14.—Orders that the petition of the inhabitants of the lower part of Whitefriars be dismissed; and that Thomas Petit and others be a committee to inspect the orders of the House about commons sent out of the kitchen or buttery.

Nov. 16.—Upon the report of the committee appointed to consider of the frames for the judge's pictures, it is ordered that the said committee do agree with some person for the frames of the said judges' pictures.

Nov. 19.—Orders that the petitions of Clarke and Mrs. Minors be referred to Thomas Petit and others.

Nov. 20, 21, and 23.—Orders that the petitions of Francis Kellet and John Tench be referred to committees, and that a chamber be viewed.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT of Thomas Riggs from 19 November, 1693, to 12 February, 1693-4, in the treasurership of Sir Edward Ward.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the Dean for a quarter's salary, 25*li.*
To the New River Water half a year's rent, 1*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
For a fine upon granting a new lease, and for charges, 3*li.* 10*s.*
To several preachers, 34*li.*

Receipts, 931*li.* 13*s.*
Disbursements, 189*li.* 8*s.* 2*d.*
Balance, 742*li.* 4*s.* 10*d.*

ACCOUNT of Thomas Dummer from 12 February, 1693-4, in the treasurership of Sir Edward Ward.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Mrs. Minors the remainder of what was due to her late husband as chief butler, 9*li.*
To Piggott, the organist, half a year's salary, 12*li.* 10*s.*
To Sir Godfrey Kneller, for the King's and Queen's pictures and the frames, 60*li.*
To Sir Edward Ward, for his treasurership, 100*li.*
To the preachers for their sermons, 6*li.*

Receipts, 786*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*
Disbursements, 759*li.* 4*s.* 3*d.*
Balance, 27*li.* 14*s.* 3*d.*

Queen Mary
Consort of William III.
from the original by Sir Godfrey Kneller
in the Inner Temple.

Account of George Wheeler from 20 June, 1694, to 23 November, in the treasurership of Sir Edward Ward.

Receipts.

From the turnspits for a year's rent for the watchmaker's shop in the Inner Temple Lane, 4*d.*

Disbursements.

To the receiver of the Queen Dowager's fee farm rents, due at Michaelmas after allowance for taxes, 8*li.* 1*s.*

For a year's repairing of the Temple stairs, 1*li.*

Receipts, 103*li.* 15*s.* 2*d.*

Disbursements, 97*li.* 14*s.* 11*d.*

Balance, 6*li.* 0*s.* 3*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1693-4, March 17.—Order, headed Inner Temple, by their Majesties' commissioners for putting in execution an Act of Parliament for granting an aid of 4*s.* in the pound for one year, for carrying on a vigorous war against France, that the treasurer and ancients of Lyon's Inn do inquire what reputed papists or "non jurats" are residing or have chambers in the said society, and return their names to the commissioners at their next sitting on Saturday next, 24th inst, in the Library of the Inner Temple.

1694, July 2.—Conditions of the bond given by G. Wheeler upon his appointment as under-treasurer of the Inner Temple.

[1694?]—Petition by Joseph Sherwood for his charges in defending Nicholas Courtney in two suits brought against him by Buckingham and Peirson, concerning repairs to the Temple Church.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliament during the year with the number of their attendances: Nicholas Courtney, treasurer, 8; Charles Holloway, 4; John Clendon, 4; William Petit, 4; Charles Whitaker, 4; Thomas Tutt, 4; Arthur Weaver, 3; Thomas Walker, 3; John Hales, 3; John Mosyer, 2; Thomas Petit, 2; John Hodges, 2; William Longueville, 2; William Farrer, 1; Thomas Farrer, 1; and Sir Thomas Trevor, 1.

1694.

Nov. 27.—The order of the bench table as to John Richardson is confirmed.

1694-5.

FEB. 12.—Orders for the payment of pensions and preachers' duties; and as to the nomination to chambers.

1695.

APRIL 28.—Thomas Walker chosen reader.

MAY 5.—Timothy Robinson, Benjamin Borwick, Roger Harris, the Honourable William Berkeley, John Suffeild, Thomas Tuder, Thomas Morley, Isaac Hawkins, John Canham, Nicholas Wilmott, Thomas Jaggard, John Belfield, Robert Hotchkiss, Thomas Hughes, and Joseph Major called to the bar.

JUNE 2.—Orders as to allowances to watchmen and admittance to chambers.

JUNE 12.—Admission, *ad eundem gradum*, of Edward Sayer, admitted to the Middle Temple on 31 October, 1689, and called on 8 June, 1694.

Order for the collection of pensions and preachers' duties.

Order that there be no greater number than twenty bench chambers, and for the future no master of the bench shall make choice of any chamber up three pair of stairs.

"Whereas several questions and debates have arose concerning the respective right of the treasurer and the bench table in appointing the officers and servants of this society upon vacancies, and for settling and confirming as well the right and power of the treasurer as of the bench table for the future, it is at this parliament, pursuant to an order of the table made the sixth instant, ordered and enacted as followeth, that for the future the offices of under-treasurer, steward, chief butler, and head cook of this society be appointed by the bench table and confirmed by act of parliament of the same society. It is likewise ordered and enacted that all other officers and servants of this society for the future, if they happen to fall or become void in term time, shall be appointed by the bench table of the said society, but if they happen to fall or become void in the vacation time, the same shall be appointed and placed in by the treasurer for the time being, any former act of parliament or usage of this society to the contrary, notwithstanding. It is likewise ordered and enacted that for the future all officers and servants of this society that shall be

placed into any of the offices or services belonging to the same by the treasurer or bench table, shall be accordingly entered into the House books belonging to the said society."

Nov. 3.—Pensions for the last half year to be assessed double. John Hales chosen reader for next Lent vacation.

Nov. 20.—Order that the order for compounding for vacations and amercements be enlarged till the last parliament in next term.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Thomas Petyt and John Hales, of the bench, and Michael Newnham and John Dalby, of the bar.

Treasurer:—William Longuevile.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances: The Treasurer, 45; Clendon, 44; Tutt, 42; William Petit, 40; Whitaker, 32; William Farrer, 30; Charles Holloway, 25; Thomas Petit, 24; Walker, 22; Hales, 22; Weaver 19; Hodges, 17; Bowyer, 16; Longueville, 13; Thomas Farrer, 13; Cardrow, 11; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 7; Mr. Solicitor to the Queen, 4; and Mosyer, 2.

1694.

Nov. 24.—Order that Richard Barthrup, one of the puisne butlers, do this afternoon bring into the library all the old common prayer books which were bought in the time of Sir Robert Sawyer's treasurership, and that they be delivered out, one to each of the masters of the bench in commons; and that the chamber lately enjoyed by William Minors, late chief butler, in the Crown Office staircase, be put in the paper for William Clarke, the present chief butler.

Nov. 26.—Orders that the petitions of certain workmen and of "Frydaysweed" Crow be respited; that the petition of Tench as to a chamber, be not countenanced; and that the table cannot take notice of the case of Young, a gentleman of the bar, fallen into distress, by motion, or otherwise than by petition.

Nov. 27.—Order that the allowance to John Richardson be put in the paper for confirmation; and that upon the petition of several

workmen, Tutt, who stands security for Riggs, the late under-treasurer, who ought to have paid the workmen, be acquainted by Hailes with such debts, and that he take care to answer the petitioners proportionably.

Nov. 28.—Orders that Johnson's goods be not removed before his debts and duties are paid; that the under-treasurer prepare a book for the treasurer for entry of the under-treasurer's receipts and payments; and that the under-treasurer give the widow Crow 20*s.* for the relief of Pennifeather Crow, her son, a sick servant.

Nov. 30.—Orders that the under-treasurer give Young, a member of the society, 50*s.* as a present from the bench; and the goods in the chamber of Cottens, deceased, be not removed till his duties have been paid.

Dec. 1.—Order that the family and strangers in Major's chamber be removed before the end of next week; and that the family in Dod's chamber be removed.

1694-5.

Jan. 29 and 31.—Orders for the payment of duties; that a committee (31 Jan.) of the whole table, or any four of them, meet every Friday afternoon, as long as the bench shall be in commons, to consider of the state and affairs of the society, and to report to the table what they shall think fit for the consideration of the table and good of the House; and that Finch and Goodfellow be summoned to attend the table to answer wherefore they did not perform their offices of reader to the Inns of Chancery.

Feb. 4.—Orders that Goodfellow and Finch be fined 20*li.* each for not reading at Clement's Inn and Clifford's Inn respectively.

Feb. 6.—Order, in pursuance of the order of 31 Jan., that the committee then appointed do meet on Friday in the Library, and by adjournment to continue their meetings from day to day so long as the bench shall be in commons, and in default of adjournments to meet the Friday following, to consider of all inconveniences that press upon the government of the society, and report their thoughts for regulating the same.

Feb. 7.—Order that the bond given by Riggs, the late under-treasurer, be put in suit.

FEB. 8.—Orders that Clendon and others do hear what Berkeley, master of the revels, has expended, and how long he has executed that office; and that the under-treasurer pay 8*li.* to Driver, the picture frame maker, for the frames of Judge Littleton's and Lord Chief Justice Cook's pictures.

FEB. 9.—Orders for the collection of duties; and that the grand committee do view the drain near Paper Buildings and the cellars of Fell.

FEB. 11 and 12.—Orders that the under-treasurer pay 40*s.* to Young for his subsistence; that debts for commons be paid; as to the disposal of the chamber of William Gwillim, deceased; that upon the undertaking by Tutt to discharge the workmen's bills, the prosecution of his bond be suspended; and that Riggs be allowed for drawing orders and acts of parliament after Dummer was employed, and Dummer be allowed poundage.

FEB. 16.—Orders for deduction from money deposited for duties of Gwillim's chambers; that pensions and preacher's duties be collected, and that the head butler be paid 40*s.* by the under-treasurer for news letters and books since Michaelmas term.

1695.

APRIL 19.—Order that Thomas Dummer be admitted gratis a fellow for his service to the House in the time of the last treasurer.

APRIL 23 and 27.—Order for the collection of debts; upon complaint made by Barthrupp, the fourth butler, of his being beaten and his head broken in the execution of his office as collector of the assessment, by Carter, that Carter be summoned to the table; that the petition of John Reilly be referred to Weaver and others; that the under-porter be paid 8*li.* for looking after the lamps; that the gardener and porter attend the table; and that Weaver and others inspect the act for the treasurer's allowance.

APRIL 29.—The matter of Carter's assault on the butler adjourned.

MAY 1.—It is agreed that the place of head porter falling void in term time is disposable by the table, and that Thomas Day be appointed to that office in the place of William Berry, deceased.

Order that the names of the benchers present be set down in the

head of the entry into the book of every succeeding parliament; that Farrer and others be a committee to search how many benchers were requisite to hold a parliament, and what days in the term were usual for holding parliaments, and also to consider if it be the right of the treasurer to place anyone in an inferior office upon a vacancy in term time.

MAY 3, 4, and 6.—Nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 5 May. Orders that Henry Fairclough, a gentleman of this society, shall have till the last parliament of next term to sell his chamber, and he be expelled for keeping scandalous and disorderly persons in his chamber, who it is "violently presumed" robbed the chamber of Buckle; that Samuel Lawrence be paid 9*li.* in full of what is due to him; that the gentlemen agreed to be called to the bar this term and want time, shall not be sworn till they have been their full standing; that Willis, the tailor, restore White his clothes upon pain of being put out of the House; and that the gardener have 20*s.* a term for his care of the benchers' garden and the room there.

MAY 30.—Orders for payment for commons; and Hales and Walker to inspect and allow tradesmen's bills due.

JUNE 3.—Orders that the locks of Whitefriars great gate and "wicker" be altered, and the porter have possession of the porter's lodge by Saturday; that the debts of the House be collected; that all such sums of money as were received by Riggs for the King's taxes of our Inns of Chancery, and not paid into the Exchequer, be paid and discharged, and the commissioners who signed the warrants for payment of the said taxes to Riggs as receiver be indemnified by the House; that Riggs have notice to pay the taxes under pain of expulsion; that the readers of the Inns of Chancery in default, pay their duties and fines; that there be no greater number than twenty bench chambers, and that, for the future, no master of the bench make choice of any chamber up three pair of stairs.

JUNE 4 and 5.—Orders that the vintner's bill be referred to Walker and Tutt; that the rolls for commons be signed by the auditors at the bottom and top of the rolls; and that (5 June) "a conference be desired with the Middle Temple touching the lodging of the freehold of both Houses in an equal number of each House."

JUNE 6.—Orders that George Mellish be under-porter; that Manwaring Davis be discharged from reading at Clement's Inn upon paying a fine of 20*li.*

Upon report of the committee touching the right of the treasurer in placing officers, it is ordered that the head cook be always put in solely by the treasurer, whether the place fall vacant in term time or vacation, except in the time of an actual grand reading, and then by the grand reader; that the under-treasurer, steward, and head butler be put in by act of parliament of this society; that the under butlers and all other officers and servants, if they fall in the term time, are to be put in by the bench table, and if in the vacation, then by the treasurer; that all officers and servants of this House placed in any office shall be entered in the House books belonging to the society; and that the above orders be put in the paper for the next parliament.

JUNE 8.—Order for Holloway and Thomas Petit "to inspect the usage touching the doubling of amercements where a performance of exercise has been before the second failure"; that the under-treasurer pay Young, a gentleman of the bar in distress, 40*s.*, and 5*s.* a week till next term; that Edward Sayer, lately admitted here by certificate from the Middle Temple, whereby it appears he was there called to the bar and paid for his vacations, do stand discharged thereof in this society, and not be obliged to keep or pay the same here; that the bonds of those owing above 5*li.* for commons be put in suit; and that the regulating of the calls to the bar be referred to the grand committee.

JUNE 10.—Orders as to the drain near Ram Alley and Mitre Court, and locks being put on all the houses of office; that acts be prepared for regulating the exercise of the society, calls to the bar, and the appointment of officers and servants.

JUNE 12.—Order that 54*li.* be allowed Whitaker for the furnishing of his bench chamber; that Tutt's bond, as security for Riggs, be put in execution, unless he show cause to the contrary tomorrow.

JUNE 13.—Orders that Riggs and Levett attend the table.

JUNE 15.—Orders that Thomas Petit and Tutt call the laundresses and their maids before them and let them know that if any of them for the future lay ashes in the cellars of William Petit's

staircase, they are to be turned out of the House; that the matter of Tutt's bond be suspended; that at the admission of every treasurer the under-treasurer deliver a particular in alphabetical manner of all the bonds in his custody; that all the plate, all the linen and things in the buttery, all the brass, pewter, and utensils in the kitchen, all the books wherein the acts and orders of this society are entered, and all other the goods belonging to this society be viewed and inventoried, and the inventory delivered to the new treasurer; that a duplicate be made of all the acts of parliament and an abridgement of the same, and that the original books be placed in the library under lock, the key to be placed with the treasurer, and a duplicate of the books of fines on chambers to be made; that a check roll be prepared of the standing revenue and of all the casual profits of the House; and that all persons residing in this society, not being of the society, nor of any society of law, be warned to remove by 24 August, and that in case they do not, the chambers to be padlocked, and that such as do not remove to be put out of the House by the officers; and that no stranger be hereafter permitted to lodge in any chamber without leave from the table in term time, or from the treasurer or senior bencher resident in the vacation.

Oct. 28.—Order that 40*s.* be paid to the under cook's wife and five children.

Oct. 31.—Orders that a duplicate of the rolls of pensions and preacher's duties be left with the treasurer and the same collected, and the collector to have 6*d.* per pound for collection; that it be referred to the standing committee to consider and report to the table the proper methods for purging the House of all strangers, and reduce the same to the ancient constitution; that William Finch be discharged of his reading fine and duties, upon paying 50*li.*; that there be a balloting box prepared to be used in all matters relating to calls to the bench, and that the grand committee settle the method; and that the repairs in Fig-tree Court be referred to a committee.

Nov. 2 and 4.—Orders that Manning's petition be referred to Thomas Petyt and Tutt; and that the cook do not trust any laundress or others with any pewter to carry commons to any chamber.

Nov. 6.—Orders for the payment of commons; that at the

blowing of the horn, the back door of the kitchen be locked up and the keys brought to the bench table; and that the lower gate of Whitefriars be forthwith shut up.

Nov. 7, 9, and 11.—Orders as to putting the bonds of those owing duties in suit; that 5*s.* a week allowance to Young be continued; that Tutt give his answer touching the tradesmen's petition; that the under-treasurer give an account of what new work has been done in Fig-tree Court; that the difference between Kellet and Manning be referred to Weaver and others; and the steward attend with his account.

Nov. 12 and 13.—Orders for Robert Ellis to be one of the butlers in the place of Thomas Smith, deceased; that the arrears of commons be paid by Maurice Abbot and very many others; and that William Wild attend the bench touching the damage caused by the alteration to his chamber.

Nov. 14 and 15.—Orders that Mrs. Warner's petition be referred to the standing committee, who are to consider former orders touching Whitefriars gate; that the work done in support of the buildings in Fig-tree Court be surveyed, that the chambers in which any strangers inhabit, who have had notice to depart, be padlocked; and that the chambers where the padlocks have been struck off without leave be seized and the inhabitants turned out.

Nov. 16.—Agreement with the report from the committee to settle the ballot; order that Mrs. Warner's petition be rejected.

Nov. 18.—Orders as to an agreement between Kellet and Manning; that Clendon, William Petyt, and Whitaker do peruse all the acts of parliament and orders as to the government of the House, and have them transcribed into a book to lie at the upper end of the bench table when the bench is in commons, and at the upper end of the bar table when the bench is out of commons; and order as to Kellet's chamber.

Nov. 19 and 20.—Orders that the buildings over the great gate going into the Middle Temple Lane be surveyed; that the order for the compositions of amercements and vacations be enlarged; and that it be referred to the Friday committee to consider whether it be fit to call Methwen and Tempest to be complete benchers.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 23 November, 1694, to 20 November, 1695, in the treasurership of Nicholas Courtney.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Widow "Fridaysweed" Crow, for the relief of her son, "Pennifeather" Crow, a sick servant, 1*li.*

To the same, towards burying her son, 1*li.*

To Dryver, for the frames of the two judges' pictures in the hall, pursuant to an order of the table of 8th February, 8*li.*

To Barthrupp, for disbursements and for looking after the clock, 3*li.* 14*s.* 5*d.*

To Clarke, the chief butler, for news since Michaelmas last, 2*li.*

To the clerk of the church, for disbursements for half a year [for holly, ivy, rosemary, and bay for the church, for candles, the sexton going about with the bell, for the bills of mortality, and books of prayer and thanksgiving for the king], 4*li.* 1*s.* 10*d.*

To Giles Campion, for painting the arms of Thomas Petyt, John Clendon, and William Petyt, and altering the arms of Arthur Weaver, 17*s.* 6*d.*

To William Haynes, for the proportion of this society [for one steel sanguined candlestick with joints and double stays, and gilt with gold, for the pulpit in the Temple Church], 2*li.* 15*s.*

To Whitton, the carpenter, for work done in the Temple Church [oak and elm boards and for time], 3*li.* 6*d.*

To Sabin, for smith's work there [work on the bell and the roof], 3*li.* 19*s.* 6*d.*

To John Evans, for paving work done [in the Middle Temple Lane] between both societies, 3*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

To Hardy, the remainder of a bill for wine due in Holloway's treasurership, and for wine spent at the bench table in Michaelmas and Hilary terms [for Canary and Claret], 50*li.* 7*s.*

To the smith [for mending the locks of the pews in the church, for keys, and fastening the clapper of the church bell, for bolts to the little library door, for mending the lock of the library door, for hasps and staples to the presses in the library, for hooks and rings with plates, screws, and nails, and putting up the pictures in the hall, and for lines for the same], 13*li.* 10*s.*

To the carpenter [for mending the case "of the cock"], 10*li.*

To the joiner [for fastening the benches and desks in the church, and pins for hats, and easing the doors, for work about the old bench in the garden, and for a bench in the church], 3*li.*

For joiner's, smith's, and plumber's work in the Temple Church between both societies [for putting shutters to the organ, and raising the reader's desk], 14*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To the stationer [for an almanack, pens, pencils, paper, ink, etc.], 5*li.* 15*s.*

To the woodmonger, for faggots for bonfires [for King William's birthday, Gunpowder Treason, King William's safe return from Flanders, and Queen Elizabeth's birthday], 3*li.*

To Wynne, for a dial in the privy garden and fitting the same in the stone, 1*li.* 3*s.*

To the clerk of the church, for disbursements [for prayer books for the fast day, for a register book for marriages and burials (the moiety), prayer books of thanksgiving, and two single prayers], 1*li.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

To the master of the revels, for 2nd, 9th, and 16th Nov., 6*li.*

To the Queen dowager, for fee farm rents, 8*li.* 1*s.*

To the mason, in part for the repairs of the church, 5*li.*

To the gardener [for cockle shells for the privy garden, for "sallating" for the hall, for "bough potts and strewings" for the hall, for three peach trees for the privy garden, for nails and list for the jessamine trees], 4*li.* 4*s.*

To the panierman, for wine for the commissioners [for Sack, Claret, Cider, and bread], 4*li.* 10*s.*

To the bricklayers [for mending the slating on the Paper Buildings, building a wall behind the King's Bench office and the privy garden], 16*li.*

To the smith [Jan. 25, for putting up the judges' pictures in the hall, hinges for the bench pews], 18*li.*

To the woodmonger, for faggots for bonfires [on 19 Dec., 13 Feb., 11 April, 30 April, 29 May, 29 July, 29 Aug., 9 Sep., 11 Oct., 4 Nov., 5 Nov., and 17 Nov.], 9*li.*

To the joiner [for raising the desks in the church and brackets to hold the books, nails, locks, etc.], 4*li.*

To the under-treasurer [to 16 watermen and others for their labour in Fig-tree Court when the chimney was on fire in Serjeant Wright's staircase, for watching in Dodd's staircase when the clipper's tools were seized; to Biggs, the surveyor, for measuring the work in Fig-tree Court; and for a bill of costs in the cause of Holloway *ads.* Weld], 27*li.* 19*s.* 7*d.*

For thirty-eight sermons in Courtney's treasurership, 56*li.*

To Sir Edward Ward, on his being called serjeant, and for a purse, 10*li.* 1*s.*

Receipts, 1,663*li.* 13*s.* 7*d.*

Disbursements, 1,706*li.* 19*s.* 11*d.*

Balance due to the treasurer, 43*li.* 6*s.* 4*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1694-5, Feb. 7.—Letter from the treasurer and ancients of Gray's Inn to Nicholas Courtney, treasurer of the Inner Temple, as to William Clerke, who was lately made one of the King's counsel, concerning whom there was a controversy with the bench of Gray's Inn, then likely to come under judgment of Lord Chief Justice Holt and other judges of that House. The treasurer and ancients desire to be informed when the said Clerke, who was admitted to the Inner Temple, was called to the bar and whether he had paid all duties, etc.

With the letter is a memorandum dated 25 January, 1689-90, of an appeal brought by John Fry, an ancient of Gray's Inn, before the judges that had been members of that inn, suggesting that he had been pretermitted in two calls to the bench, wherein several of his puisnes had been called, and had thereupon petitioned in pension for his call, and his petition rejected, so that he was only relievable before the

judges. Whereupon Lord Chief Justice Holt, Baron Nevill, Mr. Justice Gregory, and Baron Turton, being assembled at the lord chief justice's chamber in Serjeant's Inn in Chancery Lane, the benchers insisted that it was an inherent right of the bench to judge who were fitting to be called to the bench and who not. The appellant read the orders of pension, and after long debate the appellant insisted that cause should be assigned against his call, and the benchers had refused to assign any cause, alleging they were themselves the judges who were fitting to be called to the bench. The lord chief justice declared "that the call to the bench was no matter of right in any person but was in point of government only, and that it was discretionary, and both persons and time ought to be left to the judgment of the bench in whom the government of the society resided; and that unless the appellant had been called and then disbenched, no cause need be assigned why the bench refused the appellant. And then the rest of the judges seriatim delivered their opinion to the like effect, and thereupon the said appeal was dismissed and the benchers did absolutely refuse to call him, the said appellant, to the bench."

FEB. 7.—Inner Temple. Reply by Nicholas Courtney, treasurer, to the above letter from the treasurer and ancients of Gray's Inn, stating that William Clerke of Tymworth[1] in the County of Southampton was admitted on 25 March, 1672, called to the bar in Hilary, 1679, and sworn in Trinity, 1680, that it is against the rules of the society to say with what duties he stands charged.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments during the year with the number of their attendances:—WILLIAM LONGUEVILE, treasurer, 8; CHARLES WHITAKER, 8; JOHN HALES, 7; THOMAS PETIT, 6; NICHOLAS COURTNEY, 5; JOHN CLENDON, 5; WILLIAM PETIT, 5; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL, 4; JOHN HODGES, 4; ARTHUR WEAVER, 4; THOMAS TUTT, 4; WILLIAM FARRER, 2; THOMAS WALKER, 2; and WILLIAM TEMPEST, 1.

[1] Possibly for Tunworth near Basingstoke.

1695.

Nov. 27.—Special admission of Dennis Bond, son and heir apparent of Nathaniel Bond, serjeant at law, at the request of his father.

1695-6.

Feb. 6.—Whereas there are great arrears due for pensions and preachers' duties and other casual profits which are paid very uncertainly, so that the present receipts of the revenue are not sufficient to balance the salaries, apparels, and other necessary payments, it is therefore ordered that no master of the bench be allowed, out of the treasury, above the sum of 5*li.* for the repair of any bench chamber, until the debts owing by the society are paid. And likewise that no chamber that shall fall to the House shall be claimed as a bench chamber (other than such as are now bench chambers) till the said debts be paid.

Feb. 12.—Special admission of Edward Girdler, second son of Joseph Girdler, serjeant at law, at the request of his father.

Order that the order for compounding vacations, etc., be enlarged.

1696.

May 17.—Pensions for the last half year to be double.

Thomas Tutt chosen reader for the summer vacation.

Order that William Tempest, one of the prothonotaries of the Common Pleas, an associate of the bench, be called to be one of the masters of the bench, paying the sum of 100*li.*; in consideration of which he shall be discharged from reading when it shall come to his turn, and shall enjoy a bench chamber as other benchers, and have all other rights as if he had actually performed the office of a grand reader, provided always that if John Methwin, an associate of the bench, shall desire to be called a complete bencher, the said Tempest shall give precedency to him.

May 24.—Henry Tomkins, Michael Woodhull, Edward Clarke, Thomas Allen, William Morley, Samuel Baldwyn, Bulkeley Price, Robert Hicks, Samuel Strickson, Thomas Deane, and Knightley Danvers called to the bar.

June 21.—Admission, *ad eundem gradum*, of John Hoo, who

was admitted of the Middle Temple on 31 May, 1679, and called 29 May, 1685; and of John Cheshyre, who was admitted of Gray's Inn on 23 October, 1682, and called in Michaelmas term, 1689.

Oct. 29.—Order that pensions be assessed single.

Nov. 8.—Confirmation of appointment of Ezekiel Charke as steward.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Thomas Petit and John Hales, of the bench, and William Barnesley and Richard Webb, of the bar.

Treasurer:—Anthony Bowyer.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—William Longuevile, treasurer, 36; Clendon, 36; Hodges, 33; William Petit, 31; Courtney, 29; Thomas Petit, 27; Tutt, 26; William Farrer, 24; Hales, 23; Whitaker, 23; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 16; Walker, 15; Bowyer, 15; Weaver, 11; Cardrow, 9; Tempest, 6; and Mosyer, 2.

1695.

Nov. 21, 22, 23, and 26.—Orders as to payments to be made by Reyly, administrator of Gwillim; as to the owners of chambers in which strangers lodge; that the Crown Office building be shored up; that the matter concerning Levet be referred to a committee; that Veale become tenant to the House at the rent of 7*li.*; that the petitions of Mrs. Berry, the late porter's widow, and John Blyth, be referred to a committee.

Nov. 27 and 29.—Orders that the petition of Thomas Sylvester as to an allowance be referred to Thomas Petyt and others; and the tradesmens' bills of Courtney's treasurership be referred to the auditors.

1695-6.

Jan. 28.—Orders that the steward's accounts be referred to the Friday committee; and that the petition of Richard Hargrave to

"jet" out one of his windows next the Inner Temple Lane be referred to William Petyt and Whitaker.

JAN. 31.—Thomas Jobber, John Dalby, Robert Gilmore, William Pudsey, James Grove, and Hugh Barker, appointed for selection of a reader for Lyon's Inn.

James Farewell, William Barnesley, and John Pottenger appointed in like manner for Clifford's Inn.

John Spenser, William Wilkinson, and Samuel Powell, for Clement's Inn.

The petition of Barker to make a door through the wall opposite Mitre Court Building is referred to Clendon and Hales.

FEB. 1.—Orders that no master of the bench be allowed above 5*li.* out of the treasury for finishing his bench chamber till the debts owing to the House are fully satisfied; that no chamber hereafter falling to the House, shall be claimed as a bench chamber till the debts of the society are paid; that it be referred to the Friday committee to treat with Broome as to building four staircases on the west side of the garden; that the butlers shall not deliver out any beer to any servant of any gentleman but such as are in commons and not actually in the hall, and none that are in commons to have more than four loaves and two bottles of beer; and that 50*li.* be paid out of the treasury to the steward towards the apparels.

FEB. 3 and 4.—Orders as to chambers; that William Abell be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Lyon's Inn; that the butlers bring in a list of foreigners in the Inner Temple; that William Squire be admitted panierman; and that Hargrave's petition be rejected.

FEB. 6.—Orders that 5*li.* be paid to Richard Barthrupp, a butler, for his relief in his sickness.

FEB. 7.—Orders that Thomas Price attend the table to show cause why he will not deliver possession of William Petyt's bench chamber; that the strangers that lodge in the chambers of Thomas Minors, Auditor Bridges, Thompson, Jolliffe, Meriton, Kellett, Major, Adderley, Samuel Dodd, William Minors, Berkeley, and Beresford have notice to remove; and that the baker's petition be rejected.

FEB. 8 and 10.—Orders for the removal of Thomas Price out of William Petyt's chamber; and that Legender, Baynes, Sir Samuel Husbands, Bellamy, Capt. Probee, Dr. Diggs, Brumskill, Farewell,

Bonfoy, Parker, and Proudfoot, being strangers, are to remove out of the House; that Swaine be paid 5*li.* 12*s.* for the engine pipe.

FEB. 11.—Upon information from the under-treasurer that he has in his hands 114 guineas received at 30*s.* each for the King's Tax, which he offered at the Exchequer as he received them, and which were refused, it is ordered that the House bear any loss that shall happen to the under-treasurer by the fall of the said guineas.

FEB. 12.—Orders that the under-treasurer may receive guineas at 30*s.* each; that the order for the paying and the compounding of duties be enlarged; as to the repairs in Fig-tree Court; and that Snowe's bill for charges in Chancery for William Farrer, as treasurer, *ads.* Deane, be paid.

1696.

MAY 6.—Order that the tender made by the gentlemen under the bar for attending the bar mess without caps be quashed; that the petition of the inhabitants of Mitre Court and Ram Alley desiring to be excused paying the stone cutter any proportion for the work done in the passage leading to their Courts, be referred to Clendon and Whitaker.

MAY 9 and 11.—Orders as to bringing in the rolls of pensions and other rolls; that an abstract be made of the book of orders; and that no one have his commons out of the hall till he has been in commons actually one day in each week.

MAY 12.—Orders that the name and *salvo* written by Nicholas Courtney, a bencher, in the Association of this society, be razed out thereof; and that notice be given that the Association will lie ready on the table after dinner on Tuesday for such gentlemen as please to subscribe the same.

MAY 13.—Orders as to the care of the bread in the buttery; that no gentleman of the House may eat commons in any of the officers' rooms; that no one go into the buttery but gentlemen of this society and such as are introduced by them; the Friday committee to consider of the office of steward; and that four persons be called to the bench, who shall be chosen by way of ballot, according to the order of the table made in Michaelmas term last, and that in order to such call, the under-treasurer prepare and give by Friday

next to each of the masters of the bench a list of the names of twelve of the ancient barristers.

MAY 14 and 15.—Orders that Tempest be called to be a complete bencher, paying to the treasury 100*li.*, whereby he is excused reading, but he is to give precedency to John Methwin, an associate of the bench, if he desires "to be called complete"; and that Prin attend the table to answer the complaint of Matthew Johnson, the fourth butler.

MAY 16 and 20.—Orders that Thomas Pettit direct the method of providing commons for next week by such officers as he shall think fit; that Sir John Edward's letter, praying to have his commons out of the House, be rejected; that upon Prin acknowledging his fault in striking Johnson, the butler, he was excused the censure; that no commons be delivered out of the kitchen save in the hall and to such only as shall be in the inner buttery, coming late from Westminster; and that no money be paid for commons to the late steward.

MAY 18.—Orders that there be clean table cloths daily; that Nicholas Pitt be an associate of the bar; and that there be a call to the bar.

MAY 22 and 23.—Nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 24 May, with the addition of the name of Christian Minard; and that all the money received by Ellis for commons shall be applied to the payment of creditors.

JUNE 15, 16, and 19.—Orders as to viewing chambers, the Crown Office and the houses of office; and that the petition of the gentlemen having chambers against the garden wall, that pallisadoes may be set in the place where the garden wall stands, in regard the same is likely to fall, be referred to Bowyer and others.

JUNE 20, 23, and 27.—Orders as to viewing and padlocking chambers; that widow Berry give the key of the seat in the church where she sat, to Thomas Dry, the present porter; and that the gardener, porter, and badge porter attend the table.

JUNE 29 and 30.—The duties of the steward of the society are set out:—he is to collect the money for and pay the bills of the commons, to take account of the meat and what messes the cook cuts, to take an account how many messes and what bread, beer, candles, etc., are consumed in the hall, to take an account of the plate, linen, etc., to take charge of the coals, candles, pots, and

candlesticks, to attend the audits, etc., and he is to be allowed a salary of 60*li.* and 12*d.* in the pound out of all money collected by him.

Appointment of Ezekiel Charke to be steward.

Oct. 26, 27, 29, 30, and 31.—Orders for viewing of chambers; that Whitaker and Hales consider what is fit to be allowed for putting the bench garden in order; that the Friday committee consider the tradesmen's bills, that Daniell, the second cook, have 10*li.* a year; that no strangers be permitted to lodge in this House during vacation, without the treasurer's leave, nor in term time without the leave of the bench table; that certain gentlemen pay their arrears upon pain of their chambers being padlocked.

Nov. 3.—Orders that the order as to strangers be screened and notice be given to the strangers to remove; that Mills attend tomorrow; that Ellis get ready the tradesmen's bills; that candles be used instead of lamps; that no wine be brought into the account of the House save only what is spent at the bench table; that the undertreasurer give an account of the bastards that are kept by the House, and of their age and sex, on Friday next at the committee; that there be a call to the bench; that no newspapers be brought to the bench table; and that the organist's salary cease at Michaelmas last.

Nov. 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 11.—Orders for viewing of chambers, and the collection of arrears for commons, pensions, preachers, and other duties.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 20 November, 1695, to 8 November, 1696, in the treasurership of William Longuevile.

Receipts.

Received of the father of William Temple, for money delivered out for clothes, nursing, and for the Recorder's warrant, 3*li.*

Disbursements.

To Shirley, for wine [Canary and Claret] spent at the bench table the latter part of last term, 9*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock, the master of the Temple, Gillingham, the reader, Silvester, the clerk, and Pigott, the organist, as before.

To Swaine, for a new engine pipe and repairs, 5*li.* 12*s.*

To be allowed the loss of 114 guineas, received for the taxes at 30*s.* a piece, by order of the table, the 11th February last, 5*s.* per guinea lost, comes to 45*li.* 12*s.*

"To be allowed 8*s.* per guinea for 25 guineas received at 30*s.* for house duties, by order of the bench table, 12 February last, which at 8*s.* per guinea comes to 10*li.*"

To be allowed for 6 guineas and a half received at 30*s.*, and paid away at 26*s.*, which at 4*s.* a guinea lost comes to 1*li.* 6*s.*

For wine [Canary and Claret] spent at the Bench Table.

To [Major News, the late steward, for wages, etc., and for suppers upon the treasurer's accounts, and for the commissioners of the tax], 17*li.* 16*s.* 10*d.*

To Barthrupp, towards his relief in his illness, 8*li.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements, [to the master of the revels, for 23 Nov., 1695; to the watchmen, for cleaning the engine; to Downes, for nursing William Temple 12 weeks; for expenses in apprehending and carrying the father and mother of that child before the Recorder; to a person unknown, for discovery of the father and mother; to the watchmen, for playing the engine; to the sexton, for digging a grave for Mary Temple; to Such for his bill of costs in Farrer *v.* Deane; for the illness and burial of Christmas Temple; for apprehending the felon that stole the Temple pewter and for the beadle; for 20 dozen trenchers; and for coach hire to Westminster several times to pay the taxes, etc.], 20*li.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

For 27 sermons, 54*li.*

Receipts, 985*li.* 19*s.* 9*d.*
Disbursements, 1033*li.* 5*s.* 3*d.*
Balance, 47*li.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliament during the year with the number of their attendances:—Anthony Bowyer, treasurer, 8; Charles Whitaker, 8; John Hodges, 6; William Petit, 5; Thomas Tutt, 5; William Farrer, 4; John Mosyer, 4; Nicholas Courtney, 4; Thomas Petit, 4; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 3; John Clendon, 3; Thomas Walker, 2; William Longuevile, 2; William Barnesley, 2; Arthur Weaver, 1; and John Hales, 1.

1696.

Nov. 24.—William Finch, Edward Hildyard, Edward Jennings, Michael Newnham, John Legh, and James Farewell called to the bench, paying 50*li.* each to the treasurer.

1696-7.

Jan. 31.—Peter Weston's call to the bar respited.

Feb. 9.—Order that the call to the bench of Edward Hilyard, Michael Newnham, John Legh, William Simpson, and James Farewell, of last term, and the act of parliament for the confirmation thereof, be repealed, they having neglected to come up to the table.

John Methwin, Robert Payne, William Barnesley, Henry Crispe, and John Goodfellow called to the bench, paying 50*li.* each to the treasurer, and Peter Weston called to the bar.

In respect of the honour his Majesty hath been pleased to confer upon William Broderick, esq., a member of this society, in constituting him his Attorney-General and Judge of the Admiralty for the Island of Jamaica, he, the said Mr. Broderick, is at this parliament called to the bar, and to be an utter barrister of this society.

William Finch chosen reader.

1697.

MAY 2.—Edward Jennings chosen reader for the summer vacation.

MAY 17.—Special admission of John Bond, second son of Nathaniel Bond, serjeant at law, at the request of his father.

JUNE 13.—Allowance to officers and watchmen in the last vacation, as usual.

JUNE 22.—Nicholas Harding, William Milman, John Lloyd, Thomas Woodward, John Blencowe, John Weaver, Henry Andrews, John Peeres, Leonard Gale, William Triggs, and Thomas Brand called to the bar.

NOV. 10.—The election of reader adjourned.

Whereas the not frequenting of commons by the masters of the bench has been found very inconvenient and of ill consequence, and the exercise and good government of the House thereby neglected, and whereas Philip Pargiter, one of the masters of the bench, who according to the present rules and orders of this House is next in course to be elected treasurer, has been long absent and is not yet come to town, and the time of such election drawing nigh, it is necessary some provision be made in case the said Pargiter shall not appear at the time of election; and whereas John Hodges, one of the masters of the bench, who is next in turn to be chosen treasurer in case the said Pargiter does not appear, may not by reason of some particular circumstances he lyeth under be capable of constantly attending the duties of the said office, and yet nevertheless, he having borne all the usual charges of the House to qualify him for that office, it is thought just that he should have the benefit of the said office for his year, if any bencher will undertake to

execute the said office for him gratis, which Anthony Bowyer, the present treasurer, has, at the request of the table and in respect to the said Hodges, consented to do. And whereas by act of parliament of 29 June, 1691, it is enacted that no treasurer shall continue in office longer than one year, by which it was intended that no treasurer should so continue in his own right, and that no treasurer should receive the profits of that office longer than one year, it is enacted that in case the said Pargiter does not appear at the next parliament, he shall have forfeited his right and turn of being chosen treasurer, and it shall be lawful for the present treasurer to be continued, so that the salary or payment of 100*li.*, usually allowed to the treasurer, shall be paid to Hodges as if he had personally executed the office. And it is further enacted that no bencher shall hereafter be chosen treasurer unless he shall have been in commons two whole weeks in each of the two precedent terms before such election, and shall have been personally present at the bench table two several days at the least in each of the said terms, except upon reasonable excuse.

Nov. 17.—Order that William Simpson, being made puisne baron of the Exchequer, be called to the bench, and he shall take place next to the treasurer, according to the dignity of such baron; he shall, nevertheless, be chosen reader "and shall sit upon exercise in his turn," according to his seniority in being called to the bench, and shall have the choice of chambers, be chosen treasurer in his turn, and pay into the treasury 50*li.*

The election of reader adjourned.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—John Hales and William Barnesley, of the bench, and Richard Webb and Richard Baldwyn, of the bar.

Treasurer:—Anthony Bowyer chosen in accordance with the act of parliament of 10 November instant.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—Anthony Bowyer, treasurer, 59; Clendon, 59; Hodges, 49; William Farrer, 44; Courtney, 44; Whitaker, 41; William Petit, 41;

TUTT, 41; HALES, 36; THOMAS PETIT, 33; LONGUEVILE, 25; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL, 24; TEMPEST, 17; WEAVER, 16; WALKER, 13; BARNESLEY, 10; JENNINGS, 5; CARDROW, 4; MOSYER, 4; BARON SIMPSON, 4; and PAYNE, 3.

1696.

NOV. 13.—Orders that the order of 16 Nov., 1695, for the balloting boxes be not repealed; and that the calls to the bench be adjourned.

NOV. 14.—Orders for the removal of all foreign lodgers, and that the little gate leading into Whitefriars after it is locked at night shall remain so locked till further order.

NOV. 16.—Orders for the payment of arrears; that all orders concerning the balloting box be repealed; nomination of those called to the bench at the parliament held on 24 Nov., with the addition of the name of William Simpson; and that the benchers in town attend on Tuesday, and the others in the first week of next term.

NOV. 21.—Orders for the payment of arrears of commons and other duties; and that John Methwen be called to the bench.

NOV. 23.—Order that the order as to Methwen's call be repealed.

NOV. 24.—Orders that the bills for the repairs to the church and the Bibles ordered by Courtney in his treasurership, be referred to Thomas Petit and others; and that the butlers assist the steward in collecting the commons.

NOV. 26 and 27.—Order that James Farewell be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Clifford's Inn; that John Spencer be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Clement's Inn; that upon the petition of Francis Pigott, the organist, his salary be continued; that William Pudsey, James Grove, and Hugh Barker be named for selection for reader for Clifford's Inn; and that Tanfeild Leman, Francis Lane, and Robert Price be in like manner named for Clement's Inn.

1696-7.

JAN. 27 and 29.—Orders that the bench be desired to be at the table on Friday next to consider the means to enforce the House duties; that the masters of the bench be desired to pay their arrears; and that Peter Weston be called to the bar.

FEB. 1.—Orders that Hales may have a passage leading into Whitefriars under Rutter's chamber for a cellar, walling up the gate against Whitefriars and the door towards Rutter; that there be a new call to the bench on Thursday; and for the collection of arrears.

FEB. 3 and 4.—Orders that the dispute between Courtney and Buckingham, the mason, be referred to Clendon and others; and as to the payment of arrears.

FEB. 9.—Order that William Broderick, in respect of his being his Majesty's Attorney-General and Judge of the Admiralty in the Island of Jamaica, be called to the bar.

FEB. 10.—Orders that Biggs, the surveyor, shall view the place where Fettiplace Mott desires a stove; and that 10*li.* be given to Francis Mills towards his charges for suing the gentlemen for commons.

FEB. 11 and 13.—Orders as to the payment of arrears for commons.

1697.

APRIL 22.—Order that Whitaker and Hales consider the best way to bring the water into the privy garden.

APRIL 26, 27, 29, and 30.—Orders as to the payment of arrears for commons, vacations, etc.; that Vincent's chamber be cross barred; and that Edward Jones' petition for the butler's place, vacant by the death of Ellis, be considered on Wednesday.

MAY 1, 3, and 4.—Orders for the removal of various strangers lodging in the chambers of the inn; and for the payment of arrears for commons.

MAY 5.—Order that the payment of the tax for the society by the collectors for the present year be examined by the seniors of the table, and such other of the masters of the bench as please; that the consideration of taxing the treasurer's allowance be referred to the same committee; that Edward Jones be appointed puisne butler; and that certain members pay their arrears of pensions and preacher's duties by Monday.

MAY 6.—The committee appointed as above, considering that the treasurer ought not to have been taxed for his allowance, it was ordered that an appeal be made to the commissioners for the dis-

charge of the said assessment. Order for the payment of arrears for duties.

MAY 7 and 8.—Orders for the removal of strangers and payment of arrears of commons; and that a life be named upon the assignment to Farrington's chamber.

MAY 10 and 11.—Orders that Sir Samuel Husbands have leave to stay in the chamber where he lodges, for a fortnight; that the request of Bromfeild and Kennett to be called associates to the bar, be referred to Clendon and others; and that Goodrich pay his arrears.

MAY 14.—Orders that the 130*li.* received from the chamber in the Inner Temple, lately sold to Isaac Hawkins, be applied to pay Courtney's debt owing for repairs to the church; and that Gillingham's petition be referred to a committee.

MAY 15.—Order that the treasurer have power to padlock chambers for non-payment of commons and other duties, for families, foreigners, or any other occasion; that any member that has a chamber in his own right, and is made a serjeant, ought to dispose of his chamber within a year by the custom of the House; that Serjeant Trinder have the privilege of a master of the bench upon surrendering his chamber by favour of the table; that Gillingham have 10*li.* paid him for a gratuity; and that Tutt be disbenched if he does not pay for his reading before the first week in next term.

MAY 17.—Order that Bracebridge's chamber be surrendered by Thompson and padlocked.

JUNE 7.—Orders for the payment of arrears for commons and duties, and chambers to be padlocked for non-payment of the same; that the tax upon windows be referred to the Friday Committee; and that Levett, Francis Mills, and others attend the table.

JUNE 9, 10, and 12.—Orders that the request of Bromfeild, Velley, and Kennett to be associates to the bar be referred to a committee; that the petition of the inhabitants of Whitefriars for opening the little gate, be adjourned; and that Levett be restored upon paying his arrears.

JUNE 14.—Orders as to the payment of arrears; that Clendon and others report what fees were usually paid upon calls to the bar to the officers of the House; that upon the report of the committee a sum not exceeding 30*li.* be expended for laying in water to the

Bench Garden; and that New's petition be referred to the Friday committee.

JUNE 16.—Orders as to the payment of commons.

An account of the fees anciently paid by every gentleman called to the bar, to the officers: To the treasurer's clerk for the bar bond, 5*s.*; the five butlers, each, 1*li.* 5*s.*; the chief cook, 2*s.* 6*d.*; the gardener, 2*s.* 6*d.*; the second cook, 2*s.* 6*d.*; the steward's man 2*s.* 6*d.*; the panierman, 2*s.* 6*d.*; the head porter, 2*s.* 6*d.*; the under-porter, 2*s.*; the two turnspits, 3*s.*; the two washpots, 3*s.*; and the dishwasher, 1*s.* 6*d.* In all 2*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

Upon the report of the committee, it is ordered that these fees be confirmed as the standing fees payable by all gentlemen called to the bar and to be associates to the bar over and above 10*s.* to the under-treasurer for the act of parliament, and that the same be paid before any call.

JUNE 18.—Orders that the chambers of James Mundy and Lee Warner be padlocked; that James Selby be put out of commons for his misbehaviour in the hall yesterday; that gentlemen called associates and who have chambers shall pay, over and above arrears and other duties, 10*li.*, and that those who have no chambers shall pay 20*li.*; that all associates now of the bar that shall hereafter be called to be barristers, shall pay 10*li.* beyond the charges of other barristers. Nominations of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 22 June, with the addition of the name of William Thoms.

JUNE 19.—Orders that Robert Payne, Henry Crispe, and John Goodfellow, called to the bench in Hilary term, do come up to the table on Tuesday peremptorily; and that Thomas Bromfield be called an associate to the bar.

JUNE 21.—Order that all the fellows shall have the old commons of the House provided, and no other provisions in lieu thereof; that the lock of the great garden be altered, and none have keys but such as the treasurer shall think fit; and that the Crown Office Building be repaired.

JUNE 22, 23, and 25.—Orders that Robert Payne, Henry Crispe, and John Goodfellow, who were called to the bench, do come up to the bench table; that the treasurer give directions for gravelling Figtree Court; that Thomas Petit and others consider what place

Cock, the prothonotary, shall have at the table; that Brereton Boucher have liberty to compound for Norton's vacations; that John Levett's submission be accepted; that Widow Ellis have 5*li.* for her relief; and that the payment of the bill of Kent, the painter, for work done between both Houses at the Temple Church in Courtney's treasurership, be referred to the treasurer.

Oct. 30.—Order that Robert Ingram be master of the revels.

Nov. 8.—Order that Clendon and others draw up an act for supplying the place of treasurer. (See Parliament held on 10 Nov.)

Nov. 10.—Order that Baron Simpson be called to the bench; that if Payne, Crispe, and Goodfellow do not come up to the table before Saturday that they be fined as defaulters.

Nov. 11 and 12.—Orders that Hales and others view the chambers in the hands of the House and value the same, and also propose a method for the sale thereof; that the treasurer give an account of the chambers that have been padlocked for non-payment of commons and duties, and of what acts of parliament and orders of the bench table have been copied out or abridged according to former orders.

Nov. 15.—Order "that this society will maintain the ancient privileges of the House and defend the prosecution against the persons concerned in the pretended rescue of Humphrey Borlase, esquire."

Nov. 17, 19, 20, and 22.—Orders for padlocking chambers; for the removal of strangers; that 100*li.* be paid New, the late steward, for apparels; that Thomas Downes be appointed a turnspit and Margaret Penredd, dishwasher.

Nov. 24.—Orders that the master of the revels, Aris, and Regnier attend the table; that the under-treasurer take the examination of the officers of the House touching the affray on Saturday night last; that there be no more revels till further order; that Lovelace Heircy, Tanfield Leman, and William Pudsey be fined 20*li.* each for not reading at the respective Inns of Chancery for which they were elected readers.

Nov. 25 and 26.—Order that Richard Berenger be put out of commons "for coming to the bench table [while] sitting [in] the hall, without leave, in contempt to the rules of the House;" and

nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 28 Nov.

Nov. 27.—Orders that the master of the revels, Aris, and Regnier be put out of commons; that the tradesmen's bills be referred to Hales and Barnesley; that the names of John Winston, James Grove, Hugh Barker, William Wilkinson, Littleton Powell, and Robert Price be sent to Lyon's Inn for the election of a reader; that the names of Samuel Grant, William Walker, and Nicholas Pottenger be sent to Clifford's Inn; that the names of Francis Lloyd, Sir Richard Leving, and William Church be sent to Clement's Inn; "that satisfaction may be entered upon the judgment recovered against Brereton Bourcher upon the bond given by him for the commons and other duties of John Norton," and that Bourcher have leave to prosecute Norton.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 8 November, 1696, to 17 November, 1697, in the treasurership of Anthony Bowyer.

Disbursements.

To Thomas Silvester, clerk of the church, for disbursements [for prayer books for fast days, for two register books for the gentlemen's names at communion, for a great hassock for the pulpit, for putting up a lanthorn in the Round, and for single prayers for the church, etc.], 1*li.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

To Duncomb, a year's rent due to the Queen Dowager at Michaelmas, after an allowance of 2*li.* for taxes and acquittance 1*s.* In all, 8*li.* 1*s.*

To Squire, the panierman, for wine [Canary and Claret] spent at the bench table in Trinity term, 21*li.*

To Buckingham, the mason, in part for work done about the church in Courtney's treasurership, 115*li.*

For [Sir Henry Furnace] for orange trees for the Bench Garden, 5*li.*

To Brewster, for six large Bibles [4^to^, best paper, 2 vols. each filletted and gilt], 12*li.*

To Powell, the plasterer, for the moiety of his bill, for work done in the Temple Church in Courtney's treasurership, 3*li.* 10*s.*

To Fowler, for the pipes, fountain, etc., in the Bench Garden, 28*li.*

To [John Miles, for the use of the players in Lincoln's Inn Fields, who acted a play on 1 Nov., 1697, called "Love for Love," in the Inner Temple Hall], 20*li.*

To the treasurer of Lyon's Inn, for five years' tax of the rent due from that society to this House, 7*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

For cloth, for the porter's gown, 6*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

To Mounsey, for the use of a room and balcony for the 16th November, 1697, when the King made his public entry from Flanders, 6*li.* 12*s.*

For 27 sermons, 54*li.*

The under-treasurer's bill of disbursements [to the porter for fetching the ballotting box from Haberdasher's Hall and carrying it back; for the Recorder's warrant, etc., for the woman suspected to drop the child in Hare Court; for coach hire to put off the cause of Courtney and Buckingham; to Elliott, for buying young trees; to a watchman, for two nights in Figtree Court whilst the shore was making, 3*s.*; for mops and brooms and for cleaning the greenhouse; to Mrs. Simpson, for an oyntment for John Temple, he being lame; to eight watermen and watchmen to keep the hall door on the Grand day; to Mounsey's maid, when the masters of the bench were at his house, the day the King made his public entry from Flanders; and the bill of costs to defend the privileges of the society and quash indictments, etc.], 46*li.* 10*s.* 8*d.*

To the master of the revels, for the Grand day, 8*li.*

Receipts, 1687*li.* 17*s.* 2*d.*
Disbursements, 1694*li.* 15*s.* 2½*d.*
Balance to treasurer, 6*li.* 18*s.* 0½*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliament during the year with the number of their attendances:—Anthony Bowyer, treasurer, 9; William Pettit, 9; John Clendon, 8; Charles Whitaker, 8; John Hodges, 6; John Hales, 6; Thomas Tutt, 6; Nicholas Courtney, 5; William Farrer, 4; Thomas Walker, 3; William Barnesley, 3; Arthur Weaver, 3; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 2; James Cardrow, 2; William Tempest, 1; Edward Jennings, 1; and William Longueville, 1.

1697.

Nov. 28.—Robert Payne elected reader; and Thomas Lutwich, Charles Selby, Lucius Hare, Thomas Peirson, and Orlando Bridgman called to the bar.

1697-8.

Jan. 30.—Orders as to allowances to officers and admittances to chambers.

Feb. 10.—Special admission of Thomas Blencow, second son of Sir John Blencow, one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas and late a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

1698.

May 29.—William Barnesley chosen reader.

June 5.—Edwyn Wyatt, Shreeve Paynton, Thomas Knight,

Fettiplace Nott, Edward Barker, Thomas Reeve, Richard Carter, John Tyrrell, Richard Mervin, and Geoffray Gilbert called to the bar.

JULY 3.—Admission, *ad eundem gradum*, of John Ward, called to the bar at Gray's Inn on 8 February, 1692.

JULY 13.—Admittances to chambers.

NOV. 6.—The election of reader adjourned; and special admission of Nathan Wright, second son of Sir Nathan Wright, serjeant at law, late a bencher, at the request of his father.

NOV. 20.—Henry Crisp chosen reader for Lent vacation.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—William Barnesley and John Hales, of the bench, and Richard Webb and John Herring, of the bar.

Treasurer:—James Cardrow.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances; ANTHONY BOWYER, treasurer, 29; CLENDON, 34; WILLIAM PETIT, 34; COURTNEY, 29; WILLIAM FARRER, 23; CARDROW, 22; HALES, 22; HODGES, 20; WHITAKER, 20; BARON SIMPSON, 18; WEAVER, 18; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL, 14; TUTT, 14; BARNSLEY, 12; WALKER, 8; LONGUEVILLE, 6; TEMPEST, 4; PAYNE, 2; CRISPE, 2; and JENNINGS, 1.

1697.

NOV. 29.—Order that Tutt have an allowance for a cellar to his chamber.

1697-8.

JAN. 27, 28, and 29.—Orders as to the payments of arrears of commons, and duties and viewing chambers.

FEB. 5, 8, 10, 11 and 14.—Orders as to viewing chambers, etc., and payment of duties; that Hodges be allowed 5*li.* for painting his chamber; that George Mellish, the under-porter, be allowed 8*li.* a year for lighting the lanthorns, as he had for the lamps; and that George Seely have 40*s.* allowed him for his long services.

1698.

MAY 17.—Orders for the payment of arrears of commons.

MAY 18.—Order that the lights of the Fountain Tavern at the Inner Temple Gate that look into the Temple Lane, be forthwith stopped up.

MAY 23.—Order that Southerby have notice to attend the committee of the bench at the Library on Friday next, to make out his title to the windows of the Fountain Tavern that look into the Temple, and that in the meantime the order of the table for shutting up the windows be suspended till further order.

MAY 28.—Order that Hawke may compound his vacations at a moiety.

JUNE 1, 3, and 4.—Orders that New's account be examined; that Lovelace Heircy may compound for his vacations; that the arrears for commons be paid; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 5 June, with the additional names of Edward Brereton and Charles Payne.

JUNE 6.—Orders that the former order for shutting up the lights of the Fountain Tavern that look into the Temple be put in execution, unless cause to the contrary be shown; that the officers of the buttery and kitchen do not permit the gardener's wife to come into the kitchen or buttery, and the gardener make satisfaction to Johnson, the butler, for his wife's insolence and rude behaviour.

JUNE 27, 28, and 30.—Orders that Manning attend the committee; that Lovelace Hiercy have his bond delivered up; and that arrears of commons be paid.

JULY 2, 4, and 5.—Orders for the payment of arrears of commons and duties; that the 20*li.* still owing to Buckingham from Courtney for costs be paid out of the treasury; that the goods belonging to the House in Berkeley's chamber be brought into the Inner Library; that the gardener sell no ale or other liquors after 2 Aug.; that the lights of the Fountain Tavern, next the Inner Temple Lane, be shut up; and that the petition of the gentlemen that have chambers opposite the garden wall, to have pallisadoes in the place of the wall, be referred to Weaver and others.

JULY 6 and 7.—Orders for the payment of duties; that 125*li.*

be paid New, the late steward, for his apparels; that it be referred to the Friday night committee to examine who puts in the reader and what stipend and perquisites he has; and that Clendon and others be a committee to receive proposals for rebuilding Lord Coventry's Buildings.

JULY 8 and 9.—Orders that Cardrow and others state the late steward's accounts; and as to the admittances to chambers.

JULY 11.—Upon consideration of the petition of Edward Dixon, the vintner, at the Fountain Tavern by the Temple Gate, whereby he owns the right of this society in permitting the lights of his house that are next the Inner Temple Lane, and prays that the obstruction lately put up may be taken down, and that he will submit himself to such acknowledgment for the lights as the table shall think fit; it is ordered that the obstruction of the said lights be taken down, and that the said Mr. Dixon, in consideration thereof, shall keep apart for the use of the masters of the bench of this society the best room in his house upon any public show or occasion (when required), and that he pay yearly 2*s.* 6*d.* on the Feast of St. John the Baptist as a rent and further acknowledgment, and that he pay the charges of putting up the blind against the said lights, and subscribe this order in the book of Orders belonging to this House.

Orders that Henry Crispe's fine of 30*li.* for not reading, be reduced to 20*li.*; that if the inhabitants of Mitre Court do not pay the arrears for the use of the drain, the door into their Court be shut up and the drain stopped; that the gentlemen who have chambers against the garden wall, may make pallisadoes in the place of the wall; and that the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar stay in commons for a month, before the treasurer give them leave to break up.

JULY 12 and 13.—Orders that former orders relating to lights be repealed; that the treasurer may provide such lights as he thinks convenient; and as to viewing chambers.

JULY 15 and 16.—Orders that the order for the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar to keep in commons for a month in vacation, be suspended as the treasurer shall see good, in regard to the approaching election for members of parliament; and that Edwin Wyatt, a vacation barrister, have leave to go into the country for his health.

Oct. 29 and 30.—Orders that no grand day be kept this term; and that Mrs. Elliott, the gardener's wife, be admitted to such privileges as belong to her.

Nov. 3 and 7.—Orders that John Hill attend the table to answer the complaint of Johnson, the butler; that the books of the acts of parliament and bench table orders of this House be laid before the committee on Friday next; and that arrears for commons and duties be paid.

Nov. 8, 10, and 11.—Orders that John Hill be put out of commons for beating Johnson, the butler, in observing the order of the bench table; that the former allowance of 8*li.* be made to George Mellish, the under-porter; and that the cook's bill be referred to the Friday committee.

Nov. 14.—Orders that Tymperon's door be bricked up unless he show cause to the contrary; that the vacationers keep a month in commons after each "issuable" term, and no gentleman be allowed his vacation unless he be actually in the hall at dinner at least two days in each respective week; that new keys be fitted to the locks in the kitchen; and as to seizing and padlocking of chambers.

Nov. 15.—Orders as to padlocking chambers; that George Cook, one of the secondaries of the Court of Common Pleas, be called an associate to the bar; and that the petitions of Kellett, Walthoe, and Thomas Johnson, the badge porter, be referred to the Friday committee.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 17 November, 1697, to 20 November, 1698, in the second year of the treasurership of Anthony Bowyer.

Disbursements.

To Whelton, the carpenter (Dec. 4), for building up the scaffold at the Temple Gate when the King made his public entry, 1*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

To the glazier, carpenter, bricklayer, plasterer, smith, mason, and plumber, for work done in Figtree Court.

To Buckingham, a further part for mason's work done about the Temple Church, in Courtney's treasurership, 15*li.*

To Thomas Tutt, for making a cellar under his chamber and finishing the chamber, 20*li.*

To John Miles, for the players [in Lincoln's Inn Fields], for the play called "The Spanish Friar," acted in the hall of the society on 2 Feb., 1697-8, 20*li.*

To Fowler, for an addition to the fountain in the Bench Garden and altering thereof, 5*li.*

To Anthony Bowyer, his allowance for his own year's treasurership, 100*li.*

To Thomas Marchant, for the proportion of this society for bricklayer's work, [for repairing and tiling] the rounds of the church in September, 1697, 3*li.* 8*s.*

To Silvester, the clerk [for wages, for prayer books of thanksgiving for the Peace, etc.], 4*li.* 4*s.*

To Buckenham, the mason [for further work in the Temple Church], 5*li.*

To Edward Buckingham, in full, for his bill of costs against Courtney [for mason's work done about the Temple Church], 20*li.*

To John Fowler, for alterations and additions to the fountain, and looking after the same for a year, 4*li.* 15*s.*

To Silvester, for the burial of Richard Young, 2*li.* 12*s.* 4*d.*

To Smith, the City butler, for the use of plate, linen, etc., 4*li.*

To Charles Gardiner, for looking after the Bench Garden, 3*li.*

To Elliott his bill [for "strowing and bowpots" for the hall window, sallating for the hall, for nails and list for the "Jessamy" wall in the garden, etc.], 3*li.*

To Charles Whitaker, the remainder of a sum allowed him by order of the table, for finishing his bench chamber, 21*li.*

To John Hodges, his allowance as treasurer, 100*li.*

To the steward, for his disbursements [for two suppers (on 9 July, 1697, and 20 May, 1698), at passing the treasurer's accounts and disbursements, on 10 Nov., 1697, when the King made his public entry], 3*li.* 10*s.* 7*d.*

To the herald painter, for painting the arms of several readers [Whitaker's, Walker's, Hale's, Tutt's, Finche's, Jennings', and Payne's], 1*li.* 15*s.*

To the under-treasurer, for his disbursements [to Mercy Wood's daughter, towards burying her mother; to Mrs. Sympson, for the charge of the sickness and burying of Sarah Temple; for carrying Arnold's books out of Pettit's chamber; to Hoare, for the exchange of 50*li.* old money received of Jennings for his reading; to Gardner, in part for holly trees; for new binding the exercise book; to Kelway, for 10 dozen of candlesticks; for carrying orange trees to Cardrow's at Islington; for 50 bushels of cockleshells at 3*d.* a bushel; for carrying 19 sacks of cockleshells from Elliot's to the Bench Garden; for shelves, etc., in Jones' chamber; for a bag for books, etc., relating to the taxes; for bringing the orange trees from Islington; to Dumer, for my Lord Chief Baron's warrant to stop process in the Exchequer for not passing the accounts for the taxes; to Graves, for watching two nights when the garden wall was pulled down; to the under-porter, for driving out a woman that was likely to have dropped a child; to Cardrow, for new pots for the orange trees; for cleaning the greenhouse, etc.], 18*li.* 7*s.* 10*d.*

For 28 sermons, 56*li.*

To the master of the revels, for 20 Nov., 1697, 2*li.*, and for 2 Feb., 1697-8, being Grand day, 4*li.*

Receipts, 1564*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*
Disbursements, 1550*li.* 4*s.* 0½*d.*
Balance, 14*li.* 2*s.* 7½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1697, Nov. 22.—Depositions of Matthew Johnson, that about 12 o clock or after on Saturday night last, "whilst he was lighting

candles afresh, up in the back library," the master of the revels came up to him and asked him in an angry manner what was the cause of the stink in the hall, and at the same instant gave him a box on the ear. The examinant answered he did not know the reason of the annoyance, unless it came from the common sewer under the library. To which the master of the revels replied that the said examinant should go and see if that were the occasion, and as he was going down the back stairs, the master of the revels kicked him upon the back in a violent manner, but the examinant went to the bottom of the stairs and showed him where the grate of the common sewer was and from whence ill smells frequently came; and from thence the examinant went up the stairs again, and through the hall into the buttery, and some little time after, the master of the revels came down to the screen and charged the porters with permitting a person to come into the hall that was said to bring a close stool or bucket, upon which the examinant said that he believed no servant would suffer any such person to come into the hall. The master of the revels thereupon laid hold of the examinant by the hair and knocked his head against the pillar of the buttery door; and from thence led him by the hair to the screen, where he gave the examinant into the custody of Regnier, who also took hold of him by the hair. The master of the revels then went towards the officers' room, and called for the stocks, and this examinant hearing blows, which he apprehended some other of the servants suffered, and seeing two or three swords drawn, he forced himself out of Regnier's hands and ran down the stairs, Regnier running after him, crying, "Stop, rogue!" The examinant was stopped by two or three gentlemen in the cloisters leading into Figtree Court, who with Regnier lugged him up the hall stairs by the hair; and so soon as they had brought him to the screen, the master of the revels declared he would make an example of him, and struck him several blows with a cane on the left arm and side, and then forced him into the stocks, and put his leg into a little hole of the stocks too small for his leg, pressing the stocks down, whereby the skin of his leg was broken and the flesh bruised. And upon his crying out they put his leg into a bigger hole. There he sat for about two hours, being then released by the intercession of Henry Ashurst and Drue Dean. By reason of the said kick in his back this examinant is full of pain and cannot stand upright, nor can

he sit or stand long in any posture, although he has used proper means by being blooded, taking inward applications and using sear-cloths and bathing.

William Norris and other servants depose to a like effect, all declaring they were beaten by the master of the revels and others.

1698, Nov.—Agreements, petitions, and other papers in a dispute between Francis Kellett, a member of the Inner Temple, and John Walthoe, stationer of London, on behalf of his son, John Walthoe, a member of the said Inn, as to a chamber.

1698, Nov. 15.—The petition of Thomas Johnson, badge porter, for an allowance.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: James Cardrow, treasurer, 9; Charles Whitaker, 8; John Hodges, 7; William Pettit, 6; John Clendon, 5; John Hales, 4; Arthur Weaver, 4; William Barnesley, 3; Anthony Bowyer, 2; Thomas Walker, 2; Nicholas Courtney, 2; Thomas Tutt, 2; William Farrer, 2; William Tempest, 1; Robert Payne, 1; and William Longueville, 1.

1698.

Nov. 27.—Special admission of Philip Jennings, son and heir apparent of Edward Jennings, at the request of his father.

1698-9.

Jan. 29.—Orders as to admittances to chambers and allowances to officers.

Feb. 12.—Special admission of Thomas Girdler, third son of Serjeant Girdler, at the request of his father.

1699.

May 7.—Baron Simpson chosen reader.

May 21.—Charles Payne called to the bar.

JUNE 28.—Martin Sandys, Samuel Bracebridge, Tobias Chauncy, Ambrose Holbech, Robert Baylis, Charles Wicks, Charles Whitaker, Herbert Jacob, Joshua Smith, Richard Rose, Joseph Girdler, Thomas Betts, and Daniel Warwick called to the bar.

Order "that the last Hilary vacation be disallowed for divers irregularities done by the gentlemen that were then in commons and for that they have not reduced the apparels to the allowance of the House, pursuant to an order of the table made the 19th day of May last."

NOV. 5.—Allowance to officers and admittance to a chamber.

NOV. 19.—Order that the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar, who have paid their proportions to the aid roll for reducing the apparels, and others who shall pay before the last parliament in next term shall be excused that vacation.

John Dalby, James Grove, Richard Webb, and William Farrer, junior, called to the bench, paying severally 50*li.*

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Hales and Barnesley, of the bench, and Roger Acherly and Richard Carter, of the bar.

Treasurer :—Arthur Weaver.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year with the number of their attendances : JAMES CARDROW, treasurer, 54 ; CLENDON, 45 ; HODGES, 44 ; WHITAKER, 44 ; COURTNEY, 37 ; WILLIAM FARRER, 30 ; HALES, 30 ; PETIT, 25 ; TUTT, 25 ; WEAVER, 24 ; BOWYER, 24 ; BARNSLEY, 21 ; BARON SIMPSON, 15 ; PAYNE, 13 ; LONGUEVILLE, 12 ; TEMPEST, 11 ; WALKER, 10 ; JENNINGS, 7 ; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL 5 ; and CRISPE, 1.

1698.

NOV. 21 and 22.—Orders that Sydenham be put out of commons for refusing to attend the table ; that Johnson, the butler, have 5*li.* for his diligence in the affairs of the House ; that Tymperon's door be bricked up ; and that the arrears from Mitre Court be referred to Hodges and others.

NOV. 23.—Orders that fellows have leave to compound their

vacations; that George Wright attend the table; and that Sir Richard Leving, Littleton Powell, and Samuel Grant be fined 20*li.* each for not reading at their respective Inns of Chancery.

Nov. 24.—Orders that the names of John Sturmy, Josias Calmady, and John Winson be sent to Clifford's Inn for the election of a reader; that the names of Hugh Barker, Edward Lloyd, and Edward Barker be sent in like manner to Clement's Inn; and the names of Jasper Blythman, Ellis Lloyd, Thomas Hopton, Samuel Gibbs, Robert Price, and Thomas Bolton be sent as aforesaid to Lyon's Inn.

Nov. 26.—Orders for the payment of commons; for allowances of 40*s.* to the badge porter for lighting the lanterns, and 5*s.* a week to the cook for suet and 20*s.* for ale.

Nov. 29.—"Whereas by frequent experience great inconveniences and disorders have happened by the gentlemen keeping of Christmas in this society, and in order to suppress the same there have been several acts of parliament of this House and orders of the bench made, with penalties upon such gentlemen as should offend therein, it is now ordered that no commons shall be kept in this House during the time of Christmas next, and that from and after Saturday next the keys and possession of the hall, buttery, kitchen, and other rooms and places of this House shall be left, remain, and abide in the custody and disposition of the treasurer of this House, to the end this present order may the more effectually be observed. And it is further ordered that if any fellow or member of this society shall act contrary to this order during the time aforesaid, such fellow or member shall *ipso facto* for his offence therein be totally disabled from being called to the bar and be subject to such other punishment as the masters of the bench for the time being shall think fit to impose. And it is also ordered that this order during the time the masters of the bench remain in commons, be screened up in the hall, and that afterwards the same be affixed to the doors of the hall."

1698-9.

Jan. 24 and 25.—Orders as to viewing chambers and payment of arrears for commons and other duties.

Jan. 26.—"It is the opinion of the table that the version of the psalms of David, lately put out by Mr. Brady and Tate, be used in

the church of this society instead of Sternhold and Hopkins' versions of the psalms."

JAN. 27 and 28.—Orders as to viewing chambers.

FEB. 1, 3, and 6.—Orders that Sir John Edwards', Kellett's, and Henry New's petitions be referred to committees; that Edward Perrot pay 15*li.*, and Henry Byne, 5*li.*, towards the repair of the Crown Office; that the order of 14 Nov. last for keeping vacations, be screened; and certain chambers be viewed.

FEB. 7, 8, and 9.—Orders for certain persons to attend the table; that no member make any alteration in or under their chambers without leave of the table.

FEB. 11 and 15.—Orders that 20*s.* each be accepted from the inhabitants in Mitre Court for arrears, for the use of the drain, and in default, the door into Mitre Court shall be shut up; that New, the late steward, have 100*li.* in part of his apparels; that Linch attend the table; and that Kellett be allowed 10*li.* for clothes and maintenance.

FEB. 16 and 17.—Orders that Linch pay 5*li.* regarding the fire begun in his chamber on Sunday last, and that the consideration of his petition be adjourned.

1699.

MAY 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6.—Orders for the payment of arrears of commons and duties; and for viewing and padlocking chambers.

MAY 8.—Order that the under-treasurer for the future shall not presume to put into the paper, which is to be presented to the table upon a call to the bar, the name of any member in order to be so called, unless he be of seven years' standing, and hath been actually in commons sixteen terms, viz.:—two weeks in each of the said terms.

MAY 13, 16, and 17.—Orders for the cook's allowance for suet to be continued; that every master of the bench, *visus in villa*, shall be two weeks in every term in commons; that the barristers in commons last vacation attend the table for running the House into debt and other irregularities; that the complaint of porters, relating to the landing of coals, be referred to the Friday committee; and that, on the petition of Kellett, 7*s.* a week be allowed him.

MAY 19 and 20.—Orders that the gentlemen in commons in Hilary vacation reduce the apparels; that the matter relating to the

composition of vacations and amercements be referred to the Friday committee; and that the call of Charles Payne to the bar at Easter, 1693, be confirmed, he having paid his duties.

MAY 22.—Orders that Sherwood's bill be referred to Weaver and Clendon; and that the commissioners from the ecclesiastical court, for taking an inventory and appraisement of Lane's goods, be permitted to come into Lane's chamber at such time and in such manner as Clendon shall direct.

JUNE 13 and 14.—Orders that Bowyer and others view the breach in the wall of Mitre Court Buildings; that the table concur about the proposal to send workmen to meet workmen of the Middle Temple to consider the reparation of the master's house; and that the dishwasher be paid 40*s.*

JUNE 19 and 20.—Orders that there be a call to the bar; that 30*li.* be accepted from Henry Lloyd for all duties; as to the payment for commons; that members give notice to the butler when they desire to be put into commons; that the door of the inner buttery be locked up every night, so soon as the hornis blown, and no gentlemen be permitted to be there except the masters of the bench; that none be admitted to eat their commons in the officers' room but in their gowns, and not bring any strangers with them; and that the steward attend the Friday committee with the several inventories of the pewter.

JUNE 22 and 23.—Orders that New's petition be referred to Hales and others; that Gillingham, on his petition, be allowed 10*li.*; that the goods be removed out of the chamber late Lane's within a month; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 28 June.

JUNE 26, 27, 28, and 30.—Orders for the payment of commons that the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar that shall keep in commons in any vacation, shall reduce the apparels to 50*s.* a week, and none shall have leave at or after the month's end to go out of commons if the apparels amount to more than such an allowance; that New be paid 100*li.* in further part of apparels; that the new building in the privy garden be referred to the treasurer and others; that no laundress empty her dust baskets, etc., into cellars or any low rooms; and that George Seeley be allowed 40*s.*

JULY 1.—Orders that Sherwood be paid 5*li.* in full of his bill; and that Walthoe be paid his principal and interest due from Kellett;

that the 7*s.* per week allowed to Kellett cease, and he receive the rent in arrear from Rymer.

Oct. 25.—Upon motion made for keeping of a grand day, it is ordered that there shall be no grand day this term; and it is desired by the masters of the bench that the treasurer will please to attend in his place at the table.

Oct. 30.—Order for the payment of commons.

Nov. 3 and 4.—Orders that Mrs. Clark be not permitted to come into the hall or buttery, nor have any bread or beer from thence, till she has given Johnson, the butler, satisfaction; that there be a call to the bench this term; that 164*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.* be paid to John Walthoe out of the treasury in full of his demands from Kellett; that the order for compounding vacations and amercements be enlarged; and that Mitre Court Gate be forthwith shut up.

Nov. 10 and 13.—Orders that Lynch's petition to put pallisadoes before his windows be referred to Longueville and others; and as to the payment of arrears for commons and duties.

Nov. 14, 15, and 16.—Order that unless the inhabitants of Ram Alley pay for cleansing the drain, their gates be shut up; that the cook's request to remove a partition be referred to Pettit and others; that it be referred to Hales to agree for the ornaments of the fountain in the bench garden and other repairs there; and nomination of those called to the bench at the parliament held on 19 Nov.

Nov. 18.—Orders that no treasurer shall have more than four fifths of his allowance till his accounts be passed; that every gentleman hereafter called to the bar shall be of full seven years standing, sixteen terms actually in commons, namely, two weeks in each term, shall perform one imparlance, one library moot, and a competent number of exercises; and that the sub-treasurer presume not to insert in the paper any other but such; that the head-porter and under-porter each have 3*li.* for their extraordinary service; that the gentlemen who have paid their proportions to the aid roll be excused Hilary vacation; and that the amercements for the better performing of exercise be referred to the Friday committee.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 20 November, 1698, to 19 November, 1699, in the treasurership of James Cardrowe.

Receipts.

From Giles Clarke, for a year's rent for Lyon's Inn and two tenements adjoining, after allowance of 1*s.* 3*d.* for the taxes, 6*li.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

From Hargrave, for his lights in Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for enlarging two windows in the Temple Lane, 8*s.* 8*d.*

From Widow Warner, a year's rent, for her house in the churchyard, 6*s.* 8*d.*

From the turnspits, a year's rent for the watchmaker's shop in Temple Lane, 4*d.*

From Mrs. Bowman, assignee of Williams, for a year's rent for a shop in Tanfield Court, 6*li.*

From the inhabitants of Mitre Court, for arrears for the use of the drain, 10*li.*

From Dixon at the Fountain Tavern, for a year's rent due at Midsummer, 1699, for his lights towards the Temple Lane, 2*s.* 6*d.*

The assignee of Roberts, the arrears of rent for two shops in Tanfield Court, 1*li.* 5*s.*

Disbursements.

To Peirson, for carpenter's work about the church in Courtney's treasurership and to Gregg for costs of suit, 20*li.*

To Pigott, the organist, for half a year's salary, 12*li.*

To Alice Owen, for glazier's work done by her husband [at the Temple Church], 2*li.*

To Penn, the stationer [for quills, ink, paper, ink horn, etc.], 4*li.* 16*s.*

To Richard Andrews, for 13 elm trees and 8 limes, 2*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To the treasurer, for the proprietors of the Convex Lights, for lighting the society with 16 lamps, for a year, 40*li.*

To Clark, for disbursements for tobacco pipes, 7*li.* 5*s.*

To the glazier [for old glass new leaded, for new quarries, for sash pieces of crown glass], 14*li.*

To Elizabeth Miland, administratrix to her husband, for smith's work about the repairs of the church in Courtney's treasurership, 9*li.* 10*s.*

To Wynne, for a new dial, 7*li.*

To the mason [for 13 ft. of new fire stone used about two boiling places in the kitchen and cutting holes through them to lay the iron grates, for repairing the garden wall next the Thames, etc.], 12*li.* 10*s.*

To the woodmonger, 18*li.* 10*s.*

To Sherwood, for costs in the cause against Courtney at the suit of Buckingham and Pearson, 5*li.*

To John Walthoe, back what he paid for the admission of his son, 4*li.* 2*d.*

To John Walthoe, the debt due by Francis Kellett upon the account of his chamber, 164*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To the Queen dowager's fee farm rent, after allowance of taxes, 8*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

To the clerk of the church [washing surplices, for 12 hassocks for the bench seats, for 6 hassocks for the gentlewomen's seats, etc.], 2*li.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

To Swann, for the repair of the engine, 4*li.* 10*s.*

To the chief butler, for tobacco pipes, gazettes, etc., 2*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

To the steward, a bill for a supper in the library, 1*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*

To the under-treasurer, for disbursements [to Dry and the under-porter for pursuit after a woman that dropped a child and fixing the child upon her and their expenses, 10*s.*; for sash lines in the

summer house; to the under-porter, for preventing the dropping of a child; for prosecuting Caveley for robbery at Mr. Riggs' chamber, for which he was convicted, 2*li.* 6*s.* 10*d.*; to Walthoe, for 13 books of the version of the psalms by Brady, 1*li.*], 20*li.* 17*s.* 10*d.*

Salaries to the master of the Temple, Gillingham, the reader, and Piggot, the organist as before.

Sum of the receipts, 2011*li.* 6*s.* 9½*d.*

Sum of the disbursements, 1980*li.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

Balance, 31*li.* 3*s.* 7½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1698, Nov. 29.—Certificate of the admittance of George Townesend into a chamber in Serles Court, Lincoln's Inn.

1698-9, Feb. 10.—The petition of John Canham as to a chamber.

1698-9, Feb. 22.—Bond by William Berdwell for the maintenance of Margaret Temple, an infant.

1699, June 19.—Letter from Francis Kellett to James Cardrow, treasurer, as to his dispute with Mr. Walthoe regarding his chamber.

1699.—A table of the attendances of members at imparlances, library moots, petty moots, and clerks' common cases.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments during the year with the number of their attendances: Arthur Weaver, treasurer, 9; William Petit, 8; John Hales, 8; John Hodges, 7; John Clendon, 7; Charles Whitaker, 6; Thomas Tutt, 6; Nicholas Courtney, 5; William Barnesley, 4; William Farrer, 3; John Dalby, 3; Thomas Walker, 2; William Tempest, 2; Edward Jennings, 2; James Cardrow, 2; William Farrer, junior, 2; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 1; and Anthony Bowyer, 1.

1699.

Nov. 26.—The election of reader adjourned.

1699-1700.

Feb. 8.—Order that the call to the bench of John Dalby, James

Grove, Richard Webb, and William Farrer be repealed. *Entry crossed out.*

FEB. 11.—John Dalby chosen reader.

1700.

MAY 5.—Admittances to chambers.

MAY 12.—Admittances to chambers.

JUNE 2.—George Wright, eldest son of Sir Nathan Wright, lord keeper of the Great Seal, called to the bar.

JUNE 16.—James Grove chosen reader.

John Meres, Henry Smith, and William Buffeild called to the bar.

OCT. 31.—Pensions assessed double.

Thomas Gibbons, Philip Neeve, Tanfield Leman, Samuel Dodd, Nicholas Hooper, James Mundy, John Pratt, James Selby, and Thomas Carthew called to the bench, saving the seniority of Manwaring Davis, provided he accept a call to the bench.

NOV. 10.—Order that the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar, who were prevented from keeping the last Trinity vacation by reason of my lord keeper's daily using the hall, be excused the said vacation.

Special admission of Nicholas Hooper, eldest son of Serjeant Hooper, late a bencher, at the request of his father.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Barnesley and Dalby, of the bench, and William Wright and George Sawyer, of the bar.

Treasurer:—John Clendon.

Manwaring Davis called to the bench, and to have seniority at the table of those who were his juniors.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—ARTHUR WEAVER, treasurer, 33; HODGES, 34; CLENDON, 31; WHITAKER, 28; BOWYER, 22; PETIT, 22; COURTNEY, 21; TUTT, 21; WILLIAM FARRER, 17; HALES, 17; BARNESLEY, 17; PAYNE, 14; BARON SIMPSON, 12; DALBY, 11; WEBB, 9; CARDROW, 9; JENNINGS, 8;

WALKER, 7; TEMPEST, 7; LONGUEVILLE, 5; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL, 4; WILLIAM FARRER, junior, 3; and CRISPE, 1.

1699.

NOV. 20, 21, and 22.—Orders that it be referred to the Friday committee to consider what security is proper to be given for the future for repairing the pallisadoes on the garden wall; that it be referred to the committee for the valuation of Berkeley's chamber, to value the goods in it; that the pavement from the Crown Office to the Garden gate be referred to Hodges and others; that the chief cook be put out of commons for misbehaviour; and that the butlers' petition as to the Easter roll and the usual benevolence to the cook for calves' heads, be referred to the Friday committee.

NOV. 23, 24, and 25.—Orders that the matter relating to the fining of readers for the Inns of Chancery, be adjourned; that Tompion be paid 20*s.* a year that he shall appear to be in arrear, for his care of the clock; that Clendon and Whitaker draw up an act of parliament to charge the proprietors of the chamber opposite the garden wall with the repairs of the pallisadoes; that upon the butlers' petition relating to the Easter roll, that the 5*s.* claimed by the butlers be paid by every gentleman of this society; that the cook's allowance for calves' heads, be paid; that the present suspension of the rent due to Mrs. Ball, be taken off; that the chief cook upon submission, be restored into commons; that the act for regulating calls to the bar, be adjourned; and that the debate concerning the fining of readers be adjourned.

NOV. 27.—Orders that John Sturmy, Hugh Barker, and Ellis Lloyd be fined 20*li.* for not reading at the Inns of Chancery; and that Cardrow be paid the residue of his allowance.

Names of those nominated for election as reader:—For Lyon's Inn, John Hartley, Samuel Gibbs, Nicholas Pottinger, John Allen, Francis Lloyd and Edward Hopton. For Clifford's Inn, John Hillersden, Charles Musters, and Philip Farewell. For Clement's Inn, Edward Perrott, Edmond Prideaux, and Grimbald Paunceford.

NOV. 28 and 29.—Orders for the payment of commons; that Downs be allowed 40*s.* for his present necessity, and his petition be referred to Clendon and others.

DEC. 1.—Order that the order made in Michaelmas term last

against the keeping of Christmas be revived and set up on the doors of the hall, so soon as the bench go out of commons.

1699-1700.

JAN. 31.—Orders[1] that no barrister sit at the judges' table; that only one row sit upon the floor within the forms; that no wine be served in the hall but by the servants of the House; that the gentlemen waiters carry their dishes from the judges' table into the inner buttery, and at their carrying away the same a note to be given to the pewterer to whose chamber the same is carried; that no women be permitted to be in the hall till the play is over; and that no gentlemen come into the hall, but in gowns.

FEB. 3 and 5.—Orders for the payment of commons, etc.; that Dalby, Grove, Webb, and Farrer, junior, called to the bench, have notice to come up to the table.

FEB. 7 and 8.—Orders that an information be exhibited and presented against Goodrick and Edwards for assaulting the servants of the House, at the charge of the society; that Thomas Mynor's petition to be admitted to the House, be rejected; and that Crawley's petition be referred to the Friday committee.

FEB. 15 and 17.—Orders that Thomas Johnson be paid 40*s.* for lighting the candles in the several staircases; that no ashes or other noisome matter be laid in any of the courts; that Weston may make a drain from his chamber; and that Downs be paid 40*s.* more for his relief.

1700.

APRIL 24, 25, and 29.—Orders that the appointment of watchmen, the disposal of the ground room opposite the Crown Office and the gardener's house, the watermen's petition for the repair of the causeway, and the methodizing of the abstract of the orders, daily laid before the table, be referred to the Friday committee; that none but two of the eight persons hereafter named, watch at the gate in future, namely, the second cook, the panierman, the head-porter, the under-porter, the two turnspits, the washpot, and badge porter; that Grove, Webb, and Farrer, called to the bench in Michaelmas term, take their places at the bench table before 9 May; that Mrs. Downes,

[1] These orders refer to the play acted in the Inner Temple Hall on 2nd Feb., 1700.

widow of the late turnbroach, be allowed 5*li.*; and as to the payment of commons, etc.

April 30.—Orders that the estate in the buildings erected by the late Earl of Nottingham, lord chancellor, is for the lives of Daniel, Earl of Nottingham, and Henneage Finch, his sons, with the benefit of an assignment.

May 2, 4, and 7.—Orders that the chamber opposite the Crown Office be not sold; and for the payment of arrears of commons and duties.

May 8.—Order that notice be given to Richard Goodrick to depart this society before Saturday, and no member shall give him lodging in the House after Friday night.

May 10 and 11.—Orders that the prosecution against Goodrick and Edwards cease if the chief justice consent and they make such satisfaction as is thought fit; that this House join the Middle House in an allowance to the watermen towards the charge of the repairs of the causeway; that the petition of Martin Sandys to surrender his chamber be granted; and for the payment of duties.

June 1, 3, and 4.—Orders for the payment of commons and duties; and that the gardener remove himself and family out of the society before Michaelmas, and to enable him to do so the House will allow him 10*li.* a year.

June 12, 13, 15, and 20.—Orders that 5*li.* be given to William Cawley, a member who is reduced to poverty; that the question as to taxes and the cook's petition for a chamber be adjourned; that Gillingham, the reader, on his petition, be paid 10*li.*; that Grove may compound for his vacations; that Morgan, who was suspended for misbehaviour, be restored; and nomination of those called to the bar on 16 June.

Oct. 29, 30, and 31.—Order that there shall be no grand day kept this term; nomination of those called to the bench at the parliament held on 31 Oct.; and order that Elliott, the gardener, and his family be forthwith removed from their house.

Nov. 7 and 9.—Orders that Waldron's chamber be padlocked for suffering strangers to lodge there; that the gardener and his family be removed; that 3 days' notice be given of calls to the bench; that the cook's petition for a chamber be referred to Hodges and others: and nomination of Manwaring Davis for call to the bench.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 19 November, 1699, to 10 November, 1700, in the treasurership of Arthur Weaver.

Disbursements.

To Thomson,[1] for his care in looking after the clock over the hall and repairing it for 13 years, 13*li.*

To Mrs. Ball, for a year's rent for the Dean's house, 20*li.*

To the brazier, for work done in the Bench Garden [for a new copper scallop shell for the fountain, for a cock and a lion's face to draw water out of the fountain, for keeping the fountain in repair, etc.], 12*li.*

To [John Miles, on behalf of the players] for a play called "The Wanton Wife," acted in the hall on 2 Feb., 1699-1700, 20*li.*

To Elizabeth Downes, towards the expense of burying her husband and her own relief, 3*li.*

To John Wollaston, the City butler, for the use of plate, linen, etc., on grand day, 2nd Feb., 5*li.*

To Kellaway, for Temple pots, 7*li.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

To New, the late steward, in full for all apparels, by order of the table, 187*li.* 2*s.*

To the watermen, towards the charge of repairing the causeway that leads to the Temple Stairs, 4*li.*

To the proprietors of the Convex Light for a year, 40*li.*

Salaries to the master, reader, and organist of the Temple Church.

Payments for nursing foundlings, as before.

To Elliott, the gardener [for "strewings and bow pots" for the hall windows, for "sallatting" for the hall], 2*li.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

To Silvester [for washing surplices, a dozen hassocks for gentlewomen's seats, etc.], 1*li.* 13*s.* 6*d.*

To the treasurer, for his allowance, 100*li.*

To Hoare, the goldsmith [for 2 cups, with 22 oz. 18 dwt. at 6*s.* 4*d.* per oz., and for engraving two coats and cyphers], 7*li.* 13*s.*

To Whitton, the carpenter, for making a scaffold to put up the dial, etc.], 18*li.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

To the under-treasurer, for his bill of disbursements [to a watchman for watching at the privy garden whilst the basin was fixed; for waterage for the speaker; for coach hire (22 Mar.) to Kensington to my lord keeper to know his pleasure when he would be attended by the masters of the bench; to the washpots for extraordinary labour for cleansing hall and library for the reception of my lord keeper; for the use of chairs, porterage, etc., when my lord keeper met the judges in the library; for an hour-glass; for coach hire to "High Park" and St. James's with my lord keeper's warrants for two bucks; to the keeper, his fees for the two bucks, etc.], 16*li.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

For a velvet carpet, materials, etc., the moiety, 17*li.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

To the eight new serjeants, 5*li.* each, and eight purses, 40*li.* 8*s.*

For twenty-seven sermons, 54*li.*

Receipts, 1,876*li.* 2*s.* 3*d.*
Disbursements, 1,809*li.* 19*s.* 2*d.*
Balance, 66*li.* 3*s.* 1*d.*

[1] The General Account Receipt Book gives Thomas Tompion.

MISCELLANEA.

[1698-9, Feb.] The petition of Henry New, late steward. That on account of ill-health he had to leave the service of the society about three years since, praying that he may be paid 407*li.* 2*s.* 3*d.* due to him for commons.

Reports as to the sums due to the said Henry New.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of the benchers who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: JOHN CLENDON, treasurer, 7; JOHN DALBY, 7; JOHN HODGES, 6; WILLIAM PETIT, 5; JOHN HALES, 5; THOMAS TUTT, 5; NICHOLAS COURTNEY, 4; WILLIAM TEMPEST, 4; WILLIAM BARNESLEY, 4; TANFIELD LEMON, 3; SAMUEL DODD, 3; WILLIAM FARRER, 2; THOMAS WALKER, 2; EDWARD JENNINGS, 2; ARTHUR WEAVER, 2; ROBERT PAYNE, 2; MANWARING DAVIS, 2; and WILLIAM FARRER, junior, 1.

1700.

Nov. 24.—James Grove continued reader.

Order that all the gentlemen of this society that shall be called of grace to the bar in this or any future term shall pay before such call for each term they want of sixteen terms of being in commons, the sum of 30*s.*

George Noades, Scroggs Goad, John Pugh, Henry Rayneford, John Hancock, Edmund Ashenhurst, Thomas Pengelly, William Bellamy, Walter Gough, Nathaniel Humfrey, William Twisden, Stephen Clay, John Lingard, George Cooke, Thomas Wetenhall, Robert Holden, Walter Lloyd, Thomas Osborne, Abraham Blakemore, Nathaniel Curzon, James Hunter, Robert Harvey, Thomas Burroughs, Heyrick Athorpe, Henry Kayes, Peter Moyle, Richard Roberts, Gabriel Wetenhall, John Grantham, Martin Bladen, Richard Godfrey, and Leigh Attwood called to the bar.

Special admissions of John Pratt, eldest son of Serjeant Pratt, at the request of his father; of John Carthew, second son of Serjeant

Carthew, at the request of his father; and of Robert Tempest, second son of William Tempest, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

1700-1.

JAN. 1.—Admissions, *ad eundem gradum*, of John Bridges, admitted to the Middle Temple on 23 April, 1684, and called on 22 May, 1691; of Thomas Hutton, admitted to Gray's Inn on 10 Sept., 1688, and called on 12 Nov., 1695; and of Henry Berkley, admitted to the Middle Temple on 4 July, 1690, and called on 27 Nov., 1696.

John Rabye called to the bar.

FEB. 11.—Whereas Johanna Warner, relict and executrix of George Warner, late steward, by an Act of 7 Feb., 1685-6, had a term of twenty-one years granted to her of the barber's shop and rooms thereunto belonging situate on the south side of the Temple Church, and whereas William Ruffle, barber, now in possession of the same shop, having petitioned to become tenant of the same at the end of Mrs. Warner's term, it is ordered that he shall then have a term of twenty-one years, paying to the treasury 100*li.* and 10*li.* yearly; and it is ordered that the said shop and rooms shall be subject to the House in case the church be repaired or beautified on the outside.

Special admissions of Thomas Gibbons, son and heir apparent of Serjeant Gibbons, at the request of his father; and of Thomas Tempest, third son of Mr. Prothonotary Tempest, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

1701.

MAY 25.—Orders that pensions be assessed double, and for the allowances to the officers and watchmen.

JULY 9.—Richard Webb chosen reader for the next vacation.

Special admissions of Charles Tempest, fourth son of Mr. Prothonotary Tempest, at the request of his father; and of George Jennings, fourth son of Jennings, of the bench, at the request of his father.

Nov. 9.—Pensions for the last half year to be assessed double.

Order that Richard Webb be continued reader for next Lent vacation.

Special admission of William Blencowe, third son of Mr. Justice Blencowe, at his father's request.

Nov. 16.—Special admission of John Tempest, fifth son of Mr. Prothonotary Tempest, at the request of his father.

Order that the vacation barristers and gentlemen under the bar who went out of commons with the leave of the treasurer, be excused the remainder of the vacation.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Barnesley and Dalby, of the bench, and George Sawyer and Berrisford, of the bar.

Treasurer :—William Petyt.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances :—John Clendon, treasurer, 28; Hodges, 17; Petit, 17; Dalby, 16; William Farrer, 15; Tutt, 14; Courtney, 13; Payne, 13; Barnesley, 11; Weaver, 11; Bowyer, 10; Tempest, 9; Hales, 8; Lemon, 6; Webb, 5; Baron Simpson, 4; Grove, 4; William Farrer, junior, 4; Dodd, 4; Longueville, 3; Cardrowe, 3; Jennings, 3; Walker, 2; Davis, 2; and Sir Nathaniel Powell, 1.

1700.

Nov. 16.—Orders that Manwaring Davis, Tanfeild Leman, and Samuel Dodd, lately called to the bench, take their places at the table; and that Raby be added for a call to the bar.

Nov. 18 and 20.—Orders as to gentlemen presented to the table for a call of grace as in the parliament held on 24 Nov.; that there be but one reader for this society in a year; and that James Grove, the present reader, be continued for next Lent vacation.

Nov. 23, 27, 29, and 30.—Orders that Philip Farewell, John Hartley, and Edmond Prideaux be fined 20*li.* each for not reading at the respective Inns of Chancery for which they were elected; that one, from John Allen, Francis Lloyd, and Thomas Newport, be elected reader for Clifford's Inn; that one, from Charles Musters, Grimbald Paunceford, and Edward Perrott, be elected reader for

Clement's Inn; that one, from James Sloane, Daniel Foucault, Lewis Buckle, Ralph Hare, John Peachey, and Richard Turner, be elected reader for Lyon's Inn; that the usual order to prevent the keeping of Christmas be revived; that Arthur Weaver, the late treasurer, be paid 100*li.* for his allowance; that the King's tax for the aid this year be paid out of the treasury.

1700-1.

JAN. 27 and 28.—Orders for the payment of arrears for commons, etc.; that it be referred to the Friday committee to consider of regulating the disorders as to gentlemen coming into the hall without their gowns and caps.

JAN. 31.—Order that Dr. Sherlock be allowed 40*li.* towards the repairs of his house.

FEB. 10 and 11.—Orders that the chamber over the kitchen be added to the treasurer's chamber, so that he waive any pre-election to any other chamber during his treasurership; that the treasurer be allowed 50*li.* to repair his chambers; that Warner's shop and buildings be let to Ruffles for 21 years.

1701.

MAY 12 and 17.—Orders for the payment of commons, etc., and viewing of chambers.

MAY 22.—Orders that the steward's and under-treasurer's accounts be taken twice a year in Easter and Michaelmas terms; that the cook deliver an inventory of the pewter and brass that belong to the House, to the treasurer, with an account of what is wanting to supply the use of the hall except grand days; that Jones, the butler, deliver to the treasurer a like account of the linen; and that no gentlemen make any alterations in the buildings without leave upon pain of forfeiture.

MAY 26.—"Whereas the students of this society have frequently neglected to attend the readers at the Inns of Chancery, which hath been a constant duty incumbent upon them, it is ordered that no gentleman shall pretend to stand to be called to the bar that hath had opportunity to attend that exercise and hath neglected the same."

"Ordered that the readers of the Inns of Chancery, so soon as

they are elected, do forthwith undertake the exercise or be subject to a fine, to the end that new readers may be nominated the next term for the support and carrying on the said exercise."

MAY 27 and 28.—Orders that the petition of Smith, the organ-maker, be referred to the Friday committee; and that Owen Roberts be paid 20*li.*, part of the purchase money received by this society for the chamber fallen to the House by the death of his son.

JULY 5.—Whereas several gentlemen of this society do grow more and more remiss and negligent in payment of their commons and other duties, by reason whereof the House is forced to run into debt, it is ordered that all gentlemen owing 5*li.* and upwards do pay the same upon pain of their chambers being padlocked or their bonds being put in suit.

Orders that no butler, officer, or servant keep any gentleman's gowns; that Hanbury attend the table to show cause why his chamber should not be padlocked for receiving Goodrick, a stranger; that the prosecution be made good against Goodrick and Edwards; that Henry Holloway's bond for Humphrey Smith's commons and duties be given up, and in case he returns to the society he give new security; that 72*li.* 5*s.* 6*d.* be paid to New's executrix; and that Gillingham, the reader, be paid 10*li.*

JULY 7 and 8.—Orders that all the chambers padlocked shall bear the cost of padlocking; and Thomas Elliott, the gardener, be dismissed, and a pension of 20*li.* a year be given to him.

NOV. 6, 7, and 8.—Orders for the payment of commons, and that Charles Whitaker attend the table about the repair of his chamber.

NOV. 10, 13, 14, and 15.—Orders that the petition of Hazard and Duning for leave to arrest a person in the society be referred to the Friday committee; and that the amercement upon the chief cook for negligence be remitted.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 10 November, 1700, to 16 November, 1701, in the treasurership of John Clendon.

RECEIPTS.

From Giles Clarke, a year's rent for Lyon's Inn and two tenements adjoining, after allowance for 1*li.* 3*s.* for taxes, 6*li.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

From Thornton, for a year's rent due for his shop at the Temple Gate, 2*li.*

From Hargrave for his lights into Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d*; enlarging two windows

next the Temple Lane, *2s.*, then due, *8s. 8d.*

From the Fountain Tavern, a year's rent for the lights into the Temple Lane, *2s. 6d.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To the panierman, his bill for wine spent at the bench table in Michaelmas term, *52li. 8s. 6d.*

Various payments for nursing foundlings.

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock at *25li.* a quarter and Gillingham at *3li. 15s.* a quarter.

To the receiver general, the year's tax payable by the society [under an Act for granting an aid to his Majesty by sale of the forfeited and other estates and interests in Ireland and by Land Tax in England, Paid in money *98li. 15s. 3d.*, allowed for collecting, *1li. 4s. 9d.*], *100li.*

To Dr. Sherlock towards the repair of his house, pursuant to an order of the table, *40li.*

To the chief butler for tobacco, pipes, gazettes, etc., *2li. 16s.*

To Piggott, the organist, half a year's salary, *12li. 10s.*

To the mason for work done in Weaver's treasurership [for new laying and fastening 10 ft. of old steps going up into Mitre Court, etc.], *4li.*

To Cooke, the joiner, for work done in Weaver's treasurership [for a wainscot screen for the hall, *4s.*; for a cupboard in the greenhouse, etc.], *3li.*

To the treasurer for the repairs to his chamber, *50li.*

To Silvester, a year's wages and bill of disbursements [for holly, ivy, rosemary, and bays for the church, and for wax tapers for the pulpit, etc.], *4li. 19s.*

To Mrs. Ball, a year's rent for the Dean's house, *20li.*

To the under-treasurer for his bill of disbursements [for a coffin for Christian Temple; for the use of six candlesticks, 30 chairs and sconces, on 7 Feb., 1700 [1701], when the benchers of Gray's Inn were entertained; for carrying a woman before a justice that was suspected to drop a child; to Thomas Day for preventing the dropping of a child, etc.], *20li. 13s. 8d.*

To Charles Gardner [for gravel, 30 elms, 2 standard laurels, 4 "perimie," 6 junipers, 4 hollies, 2 "perimie box trees," etc.], *27li. 15s. 4d.*

Receipts, *1,942li. 15s. 3½d.*
Disbursements, *1,940li. 8s. 1d.*
Balance, *2li. 7s. 2½d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1700-1, Hilary term. The manner of the entertainment of the masters of the bench of Gray's Inn by the masters of the bench of this society.

On Friday, 31 Jan., 1700-1, the under-treasurer, by order of the treasurer and masters of the bench, waited on the treasurer of Gray's Inn and invited him and the masters of the bench of that society to supper here on Friday, 7 Feb., at 6 in the afternoon; on which day, before 6 in the evening, several of the masters of the bench came into the hall and sent the head porter to the gate next Fleet Street with three or four flambeaux to light the masters of Gray's Inn down

to the hall, and the treasurer and masters of this society having notice of their coming, met them at the foot of the hall steps, next the cloisters, and conducted them up into the hall, where they were entertained with Canary for about half an hour till the supper was served up in the library, and then were treated with a very handsome supper and plenty of Burgundy wine, and stayed till about 12 o'clock that night. The porter prepared coaches for the masters of Gray's Inn and brought them to the hall steps. They gave two guineas to the steward to be distributed among the servants.

1700-1. A list of preachers during Clendon's treasurership.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: William Petit, treasurer, 7; John Clendon, 8; Thomas Tutt, 7; John Dalby, 7; John Hodges, 6; Nicholas Courtney, 5; Lemon, 5; John Hales, 4; William Barnesley, 3; William Farrer, 3; Thomas Walker, 2; Arthur Weaver, 2; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 2; Edward Jennings, 2; William Tempest, 2; Sir Simon Harcourt, 2 (once as deputy treasurer); William Farrer, junior, 1; Robert Payne, 1; Richard Webb, 1; Manwaring Davis, 1; Samuel Dodd, 1; William Longueville, 1; and James Grove, 1.

1701.

Nov. 26.—Orders as to admittances to chambers.

1701-2.

Feb. 1.—Orders as to chambers.

Feb. 11.—Admission, *ad eundem gradum*, of John Newdigate, admitted to Gray's Inn on 21 July, 1694, and called on 26 Nov., 1694 (*sic*); and of Thomas Jackson, admitted to Gray's Inn on 10 July, 1680, and called on 4 July, 1701.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:

William Petit, treasurer, 37; Hodges, 36; Clendon, 34; Courtney, 26; Dalby, 25; Tutt, 23; Bowyer, 22; Hales, 19; Walker, 17; Barnesley, 17; Dodd, 16; Payne, 15; Webb, 14; William Farrer, 12; Sir Nathaniel Powell, 11; Cardrow, 9; Tempest, 9; Weaver, 9; Lemon, 7; Jennings, 6; Grove, 5; Davis, 5; Baron Simpson, 4; Longueville, 4: and William Farrer, junior, 1.

1701.

Nov. 18 and 19.—Orders for the padlocking of chambers; for the complaint against families to be referred to the Friday committee; and that the notice of trial upon the informations against Goodrick and Edwards be countermanded and fresh notices given, and the consideration of Goodrick's petition be referred to the Friday committee.

Nov. 22.—Orders that Johnson take an account of all families that reside in the House, as well the families of gentlemen of the House as of strangers; and that if Goodrick and Edwards pay to the butler a guinea and the other servants a guinea for injury done them, and pay all the charges of the House, and enter into a bond for 100*li.* that he will not assault or abuse any officer or servant of the society, the prosecution shall be stayed, but not otherwise.

Nov. 25.—Orders that the bonds of those readers of Inns of Chancery who have been fined for not performing their duties be forthwith put in suit; and that Francis Lloyd, elected reader for Clifford's Inn, and James Sloane, elected reader for Lyon's Inn, who have not performed their duties, be fined 20*li.* each.

Nov. 26 and 27.—Orders that Dodd peruse the bill and answer between Mrs. Winter and Blundell and advise what is fit to be done; that the names of Henry Champion, Charles Bawdes, and John Hawkins be sent to Clement's Inn for the election of a reader.

1701-2.

Jan. 29.—Order that the matter of the repair of the church be referred to the Friday committee.

Jan. 31.—Order that it be referred to Clendon and Barnsley to treat with a committee of the Middle House about the repairs of the buttresses (*butteryces*) of the church; that the petition of Smith, the

organmaker, be referred to the Friday committee; and that commons be paid.

FEB. 7.—Orders that Smith, the organmaker, be paid 50*li.* in part of his salary for cleaning and tuning the organ; that every master of the bench pay his arrears; that upon complaint of the failure of exercise by the masters of the bench this term, four of the senior masters shall attend the exercise at the first opening of the case, and afterwards the puisne benchers attend, according to their turns, on pain of being amerced 40*s.* each.

FEB. 9, 10, and 12.—Orders that Hodges and Walker have liberty to padlock up their bench chambers in the Inner Temple Lane; that the necessary houses be repaired; and that gentlemen who have no chambers and owe a term for commons be not permitted to come into commons till they be paid.

DOORWAY, 5, KING'S BENCH WALK.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

QUEEN ANNE.

1702.

MAY 10.—Pensions for the half year assessed double.

William Farrer, junior, chosen reader.

George Berry, late second butler, appointed chief butler.

JUNE 14.—Sir Simon Harcourt called to the bench.

Order that Thomas Engeham be, at his own request, discharged from the society and his bond delivered up.

JUNE 22.—George Wright, clerk of the Crown, called an associate to the bench.

Thomas Heath, Humphrey Lloyd, Michael Burton, John Rudd, John Cooke, William Norcliffe, John Kennett, John Willett, William Selby, Edward Beecher, John Prowse, John Jermy, William Harris, Samborn Mounsell, John Baynes, William Bunbury, Whitlock Bulstrode, John Wilder, Charles Longuevile, and Peter Prideaux called to the bar.

Nov. 8.—Pensions assessed single.

Order that William Farrer, junior, be continued reader.

Special admissions of Richard Webb, eldest son of Richard Webb, a master of the bench, at the request of his father; and of Crooke Dodd, eldest son of Samuel Dodd, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Nov. 15.—Order as before regarding the vacation barristers.

Order that George Wright, an associate of the bench, clerk of the Crown, and eldest son of the lord keeper, be called to be one of the masters of the bench, paying 50*li.*, in consideration whereof he shall be discharged from reading or paying for the same, and shall enjoy a bench chamber in his turn and other rights as though he had performed the office of a grand reader.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Barnesley and Dalby, of the bench, and George Sawyer and Berrisford, of the bar.

Treasurer :—Sir Simon Harcourt, solicitor general.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

1702.

May [? April] 29.—Order for viewing a chamber.

May 2, 4, and 6.—Orders that the election of the office of chief butler vacant by the death of Clark be on Thursday next; that commons be paid ; and that the exceedings of any mess at the bench table shall not amount to more than 4*s.*

May 7.—Order that George Berry be chief butler and the rest of the butlers succeed in seniority ; and William Norris be puisne butler.

May 9.—Orders that the question whether pallisadoes be set up on the east side of Lamb's Buildings be referred to Hodges and others ; that this society give leave that the glass lamp in the church be taken down and delivered to the proprietors ; that the officers' room be locked up every night and the key brought to the bench table, but if none of the masters of the bench are there, then to be left at the bar mess.

May 11.—Upon the report of the committee to whom Broderick's request for setting pallisadoes on the east side of Lamb's Buildings was referred, it is ordered that Broderick and the other gentlemen of that building have the consent of this society to set pallisadoes as requested.

May 12.—Orders that John Hancock attend the table to show cause why he permits Harcourt Goodrick, a stranger, to lie in his chamber ; that the porters and those that ward "a days" drive out

all beggars; that no laundress carry any ashes unless before sunrise or after sunset; that 100*li.* be paid to New's executrix in part of what is mentioned in her petition; and that the porter have a new gown.

MAY 13.—Order for the payment of duties.

MAY 16.—Orders that the butlers give security for the discharge of their duties and the steward perfect his bond; and "that the title under the reader's arms be *pro anno*."

MAY 18.—Ordered that the family that are in Thomas Wheeler's chamber remove before next term upon pain of the chamber being padlocked.

JUNE 11, 12, and 13.—Orders for the removal of the family in Thomas Wheeler's chamber; that there be a call of grace this term, and the under-treasurer insert none into the paper but those of seven years' standing and sixteen terms in commons, and such as are not so qualified may move the table before Thursday next to be inserted; and that the gentlemen who take up the imparlance, deliver their case and pleadings to the exercise butler before dinner, and that the butler attend the table with the same.

JUNE 15, 16, 17, and 19.—Nominations of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 23 June, together with the names of of William Goodenough, John Penhallow, and William Courtney.

JUNE 20.—Orders that John Strickson, administrator of his brother Samuel Strickson, may dispose of the said Samuel Strickson's chamber during the minority of his son; that Parry, the porter, be removed; that those who are qualified for the bar have seniority before those who are their seniors in time and have not performed their exercise; nomination of George Wright, clerk of the Crown, as associate to the bench; and nomination, as above, of those called to the bar.

JUNE 23, 25, and 27.—Orders as to padlocking Thomas Wheeler's chamber, for not removing the family there; that the repairs to the church be referred to Bowyer and Hales to treat with a committee of the Middle Temple; and as to the payment of commons.

OCT. 27 and 31.—Orders for viewing chambers and for clean linen to be prepared for all the tables in the hall every day.

NOV. 3, 6, and 7.—Orders that the treasurer and any three of the

masters of the bench be a committee to treat with a committee of the Middle House about the repairs to the church; that notice be given to the masters of the bench that there be a call to the bench on Monday; and that Blakemore's motion for leave to heighten the wall before his chamber be referred to Webb and Dodd.

Nov. 13.—Orders that Wright be called a complete bencher, paying 50*li.*, and being excused reading; and, upon petition of the vacation barristers, that the last vacation be excused.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 16 November, 1701, to 15 November, 1702, in the treasurership of William Pettyt.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Smith, the organ-maker, in part of his salary, for cleaning and tuning the organ, 50*li.*

To Sir Thomas Cuddon, for the window tax, for a year, 12*li.*

To the proprietors of the Convex Lights, for the lamps last winter, 40*li.*

To Fowler, a year's repairs of the fountain in the Little Garden, 1*li.*

For the moiety of a pavior's bill, for work done [in the Inner Temple Lane], between both Temples, 3*li.* 2*s.*

For the moiety of a mason's bill [for work done in the rounds of the church], 4*li.* 10*s.*

For the moiety of a joiner's bill [for altering the shutters of the organ, etc.], 4*li.* 8*s.* 6*d.*

To Dry, for old Graves, towards his relief, 2*li.*

To the under-treasurer, for his bill of disbursements, [for a hoop for the porter's staff; expenses at the Fountain Tavern by the treasurer and masters of the bench while the Queen was proclaimed, 10*s.*; for the moiety of the charge for the coroner's inquest, and burying a woman cast up at the Temple stairs; paid Dry by the treasurer's order; spent at the Coronation night, etc.; paid Mrs. Dry for cloth for a child that was dropped; expenses in christening that child; paid the crier upon the masters of the bench being sworn; to Williams, for the trumpet on Grand day; to Lloyd, for work done over his chamber occasioned by the falling of the steeple; at the Fountain Tavern (29 Oct.), by the masters of the bench, when the Queen went to the Mayor's feast; at the Fountain Tavern (12 Nov.), spent this day, being Thanksgiving].

For 28 sermons, 56*li.*

Receipts, 1,442*li.* 13*s.* 8½*d.*

Disbursements, 1,346*li.* 19*s.* 8*d.*

Balance, 95*li.* 14*s.* 0½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1701-2.—A list of preachers at the Temple Church during Petyt's treasurership.

1702, April 29.—Charges between both Temples for burying a woman cast up in the causeway at the Temple stairs:—To the coroners for London and Middlesex for taking an inquisition on the body and giving a warrant to bury her, 1*li.* 10*s.*; to the "head baily" of the Duchy for summoning a jury and making them drink, 5*s.*; for making a coffin, etc. *Accounts, estimates, etc.*

1702, Oct.—Petition of the vacation barristers, stating that the dissolution of the late and calling of the present parliament making it necessary for the petitioners to appear at the elections in their several counties, before the time appointed for their continuance in commons had expired, they pray to be discharged from further attendance. An endorsement dated 12 Oct., 1702, and signed by W. Petyt, sets out that the petition was granted.

1702.—Estimates for the repair of the Temple Bridge.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances:—Sir Simon Harcourt, S.G., treasurer, 7; Nicholas Courtney, 6; John Dalby, 6; John Hodges, 5; William Barnesley, 5; Samuel Dodd, 5; John Clendon, 4; John Hales, 4; Lemon, 4; Thomas Tutt, 3; William Farrer, 2; William Farrer, junior, 2; Edward Jennings, 2; James Grove, 2; Thomas Walker, 1; and William Petit, 1.

1702.

Nov. 22.—Special admissions of George Jennings, youngest son of Edward Jennings, a master of the bench, at the request of his father; and of George Tempest, youngest son of Mr. Prothonotary Tempest, at the request of his father.

1702-3.

Jan. 25.—Special admissions of Thomas Trevor, eldest son of

Sir Thomas Trevor, lord chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas, late a master of the bench, at the request of his father; and of Heneage Finch, eldest son of the Hon. Heneage Finch, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

FEB. 7.—Admissions to chambers.

1703.

MAY 3.—The treasurer makes it his election to be reader for the next summer vacation.

Agreement between Sir Simon Harcourt, treasurer, on behalf of the society, and John Banks, citizen and haberdasher of London, touching the building of three staircases on the west side of the Temple Garden, dated 3 May, 1703. The agreement sets out that the said John Banks shall, before 1 Nov. next, build and tile the said staircases; each staircase to contain 50 ft. in front and 27 ft. in depth; to be built of brick, three storeys high, besides cellars and garrets, the brick walls in the cellars, front and rear, and both ends, to be two bricks and a half thick; the first storey to be two bricks thick, the party-walls to be one brick and a half thick, the two upper storeys to be one brick and a half thick; and the front windows to be all sash frames and sashes glazed with crown glass, etc.

The said John Banks before the said time shall build two storeys with brick and leaded, between the Crown Office staircase and the new intended building, with chimneys, for the sole benefit of the said society, and to contain 10 ft. in the front, the first storey with the summer house to be for such use as the society shall appoint, with a passage out of the first storey into the garden under the paved walk, and the second storey to be equal with Keck's chamber, and for such use likewise as the said society shall appoint, with rails and ballusters about the same in a neat workmanlike manner, and not to prejudice the lights about Keck's chamber.

The said John Banks also to build a wall in front of the said intended building.

The said John Banks to pay the sum of 100*li.* and a further sum of 100*li.* upon the sale of the first chamber he shall dispose of. And the treasurer and masters of the bench do so far as they lawfully may in parliament grant to the said John Banks the said

ground 150 ft. in front from north to south and 27 ft. in depth, for one life, with the benefit of an assignment.

The said John Banks shall pull down the gardener's house and have the materials for his own use.

JUNE 15.—William Fitzherbert, Edward Ward, Edward Stedman, Henry Reynell, Charles Aldworth, Dennis Bond, Giles Hayne, Charles Stanhope, Robert Snell, John Balguy, Thomas Blencowe, John Sharp, and Isaac Clopton called to the bar.

George Wheeler, the under-treasurer, called to be an assistant to the bar, gratis.

NOV. 7.—The treasurer is continued reader for the next Lent vacation.

NOV. 21.—Auditors for the treasurer's and stewards' accounts: Barnesley and Dalby, of the bench, and Foucault and Pengelly, of the bar.

Treasurer:—Edward Jennings.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—SIR SIMON HARCOURT, treasurer, 9; CLENDON, 28; HODGES, 27; SIR NATHANIEL POWELL, 26; DALBY, 19; HALES, 18; BARNSLEY, 17; TUTT, 16; PAYNE, 14; WRIGHT, 14; JENNINGS, 12; CRISPE, 11; WEBB, 11; GROVE, 11; LEMON, 10; FARRER, 8; WALKER, 7; BARON SIMPSON, 6; PETIT, 6; WEAVER, 4; and WRIGHT, 2.

1702.

NOV. 16.—Orders for admission.

NOV. 18.—"A proposal being made that her Majesty's picture may be placed in the hall of this society, it is unanimously agreed to, and referred to Mr. Treasurer to get the same drawn and placed accordingly."

Order that the treasurer consider of a proper person to be master of the revels, whereupon the treasurer has appointed Simon Aris.

NOV. 19.—Order that the proprietors of the chambers in Mitre Court and Ram Alley Building attend the committee on Friday

about the repair of their building; and that the Friday committee examine what privileges the under-treasurer has to hold a chamber free from duty.

Nov. 21, 23, and 26.—Orders that the under-treasurer hold his chamber, where he keeps his office, free from commons and other duties; and that the petition of Thomas Cooper, a decayed barrister of this society, craving for the charity of this society, be referred to the Friday committee.

Nov. 27 and 28.—Orders that Thomas Cooper's petition be rejected, but by reason of his poverty he be allowed 5*li.*; that Henry Champion, reader for Clement's Inn, pay a fine of 20*li.* for neglecting to perform his duty in reading; that Thomas Newport, having by his deputy performed the office of reader for Lyon's Inn, be discharged and his bond delivered up; that Ralph Hare, because he hath not discharged his commons and duties, be continued reader for Clement's Inn for the year; that 40*s.* be paid to "old George Seely" upon his petition; that the names of Charles Musters, Richard Turner, Richard Knapp, Duncan Dee, Samuel Harris, and John Taylor be sent to Lyon's Inn to elect a reader; and that the names of Richard Minshull, Abel Bradley, and Richard Middlemore be sent in like manner to Clement's Inn.

1702-3.

Jan. 23.—Orders as to chambers.

Jan. 25.—Orders that there be a grand day this term; that there be a parliament held this night; that Jennings and Courtney invite my Lord Keeper, the Master of the Rolls, and all the judges of this society to dine here on Grand day, and that Leman and Dodd invite all the serjeants of this society to dinner at the same time.

Jan. 27.—Order that the buildings next Mitre Court and Ram Alley, in danger of falling, be viewed and the cost of repairs ascertained.

Feb. 1, 4, and 5.—Orders that the buildings next Mitre Court be repaired; that 5*li.* be allowed to George Mellish, the under-porter, for relief in his sickness; and that the panierman be amerced a mark "for providing ill oysters" on Friday.

Feb. 10.—Order upon the report of Courtney and Tutt and

two masters of the Middle Temple about the repair of the Temple Bridge, that the matter be referred to Tutt, Payne, and Dalby.

FEB. 11.—Out of a list of names delivered by Ralph Hare, who has this year performed the office of reader for Clifford's Inn, it is ordered that the names of Daniel Niccoll, Henry Sawyer, and Charles Poultney be sent to that inn from which the society is to elect a reader.

The washerwoman's petition for a further allowance for washing the linen, is referred to the Friday committee.

FEB. 13.—Orders, upon the report of Tutt and Dalby, that the Temple Bridge be repaired at the equal charge of both Temples; that the Inner Temple wall next the river be forthwith repaired; that Ralph Hare do pay his commons and other duties; that a further 5*li.* a year be allowed the washerwoman; and that 30*s.* be given to the head porter in full satisfaction of what he suffered in the service of the House.

1703.

APRIL 15.—Order, upon the request of Hales, that his bench chamber be padlocked for the exclusion of a gentleman who has got possession thereof; and that the part of Kellett's chamber, which Kitchin, a foreigner, holds, be padlocked.

APRIL 26.—Order that the treasurer cause a schedule to be made of all arrears of commons, and for preventing the ill consequences which may happen to the society from so great arrears as are now owing, the treasurer is to order six chambers to be padlocked, viz., two of the benchers, two of the bar, and two under the bar, who owe most, and such as owe more than for four terms, shall, six days after a demand has been made, have their chambers padlocked.

Orders that the under-treasurer direct Mills to attend and bring a list of what bonds he has had delivered to him to be put in suit; that an account of what is due for pensions and preachers' duties be made; and that three schedules be hung up on the screen of the names of such members who owe commons for four terms, viz., one for the benchers, one for the bar, and one for those under the bar, but a week's time be allowed before such schedules are hung up.

MAY 1.—Orders that the butler make a list of all families and strangers in the society; and that 20*s.* be allowed towards burying of Graves, an under-watchman.

MAY 5.—Orders that the masters of the bench and others who have let their chambers to strangers be desired to attend and give an account of such persons.

JUNE 5.—Orders that "all the cocks be cut off except those that are for the use of the great and little garden, kitchen, buttery, and hall;" that 4*li.* be added to the gardener's salary for looking after the little garden; that Wise and family, Walthoe and family, Watson and his wife, Goodrick in Hancock's chamber, Henry Jones and family, Houghton and family, and others, be forthwith removed; that only gentlemen of seven years' standing and sixteen terms in commons, be put into the paper for call to the bar; and that John Knapp's, John Dolben's, John Walkedine's, and Robert Sacheverell's chambers be seized and sold for the benefit of the House.

JUNE 7.—Order that the treasurer and Thomas Farrer have liberty to exchange their bench chambers; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 15 June.

JUNE 10, 11, and 12.—Order for the order as to the removal of strangers to be suspended; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 15 June, and of George Wheeler, the under-treasurer, to be an associate to the bar.

JUNE 15.—Order that 5*li.* be paid to the reader, if the treasurer think fit, as a further gratuity above the 5*li.* agreed by the Friday committee.

NOV. 6 and 13.—Orders that Dolben's, Sacheverell's, Knapp's, Allen's, and Walkedine's chambers having been padlocked a year and upward be screened up and sold; that Clendon and Barnesley report what damage Bynes has sustained by the new buildings; and that 5*li.* be given to Robert Daniell, second cook, towards his relief in his sickness.

NOV. 15, 16, and 17.—Orders that Barnesley and Webb report what is necessary to be done for the repair of the passage from Tanfield Court to Mitre Court, and the same are to report whether the chimneys made in the shops granted to Clark, the chief butler, be allowable; and that the Friday committee do consider and adjust

the amounts payable by each chamber for the repair of Ram Alley and Mitre Court Buildings.

Nov. 20.—Order upon the report of the committee "that every person who shall hereafter be called to the bench, shall, at his being called to the bench, pay to the treasurer 100*li.*, and 50*li.* more when his turn is to read, and shall have 100*li.* repaid when treasurer."

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 15 November, 1702, to 20 November, 1703, in the treasurership of Sir Simon Harcourt.

RECEIPTS.

For admissions to the House, 157*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

For an admittance into a House chamber, 105*li.*

Fines for admittances into chambers, 178*li.*

Rents belonging to the House: Sir Samuel Astrey, for a year's rent for the Crown Office, 12*li.* 5*s.*; Storer, for a year's rent for the Fine Office, 10*li.*; Day, for a year's rent for a shop in Tanfield Court, 8*li.*; Stevens, for the like, 7*li.*; Giles Clarke, for a year's rent for Lyon's Inn and two tenements adjoining, after allowance of 1*li.* 10*s.* for taxes, 6*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*; the assignee of Williams, for a year's rent for four shops in Tanfield Court, 6*li.*; Barker, for the Exchequer Office, 2*li.*; Thornton, for a year's rent for his shop at the Temple Gate, 2*li.*; Mrs. Clarke, a year's rent for her shops, 1*li.* 10*s.*; Hargrave, for his lights into Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and enlarging two windows next the Temple Lane, 2*s.*; Widow Warner, a year's rent for her house in the churchyard, 6*s.* 8*d.*; the turnspits, for a year's rent for the watchmaker's shop, 4*d.*; the Fountain Tavern, for a year's rent for the lights into Temple Lane, 2*s.* 6*d.*; and 10 inhabitants in Mitre Court for the use of the drain, 1*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; in all, 87*li.* 19*s.* 10*d.*

Money received for readings, 100*li.*

Caution money upon a call to the bench, 50*li.*

Caution money, for vacations upon a call to the bar, 52*li.*

Caution money, for buying chambers received from those gentlemen that were called to the bar and had no chambers, pursuant to the act of parliament, 160*li.*

Money received for absent commons of those gentlemen that were called to the bar at 1*li.* 10*s.* per term, pursuant to an act of parliament, 48*li.*

Pensions and preachers' duties received of those gentlemen that were called to the bar, 40*li.* 8*s.*

Vacations and amercements received of those gentlemen that were called to the bar, 37*li.* 2*s.*

Pensions and preachers' duties received of other gentlemen of the society, 180*li.* 12*s.* 10*d.*

Vacations and amercements received of other gentlemen of the society, 29*li.* 17*s.*

Receipts under no particular head, 128*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid (28 Jan.) Sir Godfrey Kneller for the Queen's picture [frame, etc., for the hall of the society], 80*li.*

To the panierman for wine spent in Michaelmas term, 50*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

To the master of the revels for his attendance on 21 Nov., 23 Jan., and 2 Feb. 8*li.*

For the play acted on 2 Feb. last [in the

hall of the society, by the players of the New Play House, receipt signed by John Miles], 20*li.*

To Jane Holtum, for nursing Thomas Temple, and numerous other like entries.

To the New River Water, half a year's rent due, 2*li.*

For a new roller for the great garden, and for altering an old one, 1*li.* 8*s.*

To Dr. Sherlock, a quarter's salary, 25*li.*

To Kellaway, for Temple pots, etc. 10*li.* 8*s.*

To Silvester, a year's wages and bill of disbursements [for holly, ivy, rosemary, and bays for the church, for the sexton going about with the bell, for washing surplices, bills of mortality, white wax candles for the pulpit, etc.], 4*li.* 3*s.*

To the gardener [for 6 elm trees in the walks in the room of some that were broke down, for 15 yew trees in the great garden and in pots, for a yew tree in the bench garden, for 200 "junquiles," at 6*s.* a hundred, for 200 tulips, at 5*s.* a hundred, for 100 yellow Dutch crocus, for 50 "Armathagalum," for 4 box trees for the grass plots, for 12 striped "fillerayes," etc.], 8*li.* 1*s.*

To the mason, for the proportion of this society about the repairs of the Temple Bridge, 45*li.*

To the proprietors of the Convex Lights, for the use of the lamps last winter, 140*li.*

To Warter, by the treasurer's order, towards the repair of his chamber, 5*li.*

To Mrs. Ball, for a year's rent for Dr. Sherlock's house, 20*li.*

To Silvester [prayer books for the fast day, 26 May, for hassocks, etc.], 1*li.* 18*s.*

To the chief butler, for disbursements [for tobacco and pipes, gazettes and other newspapers], 3*li.* 3*s.*

For a year's fee farm rent to the Queen Dowager, after allowance for taxes and acquittances, 8*li.* 1*s.*

To the steward, for board wages [for 8 weeks' board wages in Christmas vacation, for 8½ weeks in Lent vacation, for 3 weeks in Easter vacation, and for 18 weeks in the Long vacation], 14*li.* 3*s.* 11*d.*

The panierman's bill of disbursements [for trencher knives and forks, for oyster knives, for oyster towels, for wine glasses, etc.], 2*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements [to Dry, for extraordinary watch, the night the fire happened at Serjeant's Inn, 6*s.*; for 16 men to guard at the hall, etc., being grand day, 2*li.*; for iron work and mending the wheel of the engine broken at the fire at Serjeant's Inn, 10*s.*; to Hemings, for the use of the "harpsical" on 2 Feb., 10*s.*; to Williams, for the trumpet on grand day, 10*s.*; for a coach (11 Mar.) to the Duke of Ormond and Sir G. Kneller's about the Queen's picture, 2*s.*; to the under-porter, for preventing the dropping of a child, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for waterage to Dr. Stratford thrice, 3*s.*, etc.], 11*li.* 9*s.*

Receipts, 1,450*li.* 7*s.* 10½*d.*
Disbursements, 1,436*li.* 1*s.* 4*d.*
Balance, 14*li.* 6*s.* 6½*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1702-3, FEB. 2.—The names of the sewers and gentlemen waiters.

1703, APRIL 23.—Bond by Edward Jones upon his being admitted to the office of a puisne butler, and draft of the same.

APRIL 23.—Like bond by George Berry upon his admission to the office of chief butler.

JUNE 24.—Certificate by the auditors regarding the sub-treasurer's account during the treasurerships of William Petyt and John Clendon.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: EDWARD JENNINGS, Q.C., treasurer, 6; JOHN HODGES, 6; JOHN CLENDON, 5; NICHOLAS COURTNEY, 4; THOMAS WALKER, 4; JOHN DALBY, 4; WILLIAM PETIT, 4; JOHN HALES, 3; THOMAS TUTT, 3; WILLIAM BARNSLEY, 3; ROBERT PAYNE, 2; SIR SIMON HARCOURT, 2; RICHARD WEBB, 1; ARTHUR WEAVER, 1; LEMON, 1; WILLIAM FARRER, junior, 1; MANWARING DAVIS, 1; SAMUEL DODD, 1; and ANTHONY BOWYER, 1.

1703.

NOV. 28.—Order that every member of this society that shall hereafter be called to the bench, shall, before he takes his place at the bench table, pay into the treasury 100*li.*, and when his turn is to read, the further sum of 50*li.*

Order that every such member, so to be called, shall have 100*li.* repaid him out of the treasury of this society when he shall have served the office of treasurer, any law, usage, or custom of this House to the contrary notwithstanding.

1703-4.

FEB. 10.—Admittances to chambers.

1704.

MAY 21.—Manwaring Davis chosen reader for Trinity vacation.

JULY 2.—Thomas Velley, John Sherlock, William Tempest, Godfrey Woodward, Edward Weaver, John Hillersdon, Edward Conway, James Straingeways, John Dunster, Philip Jennings, William Stanhope, Thomas Bransby, Francis Blyth, Francis Hayes, Draper Donyng, and John Snell called to the bar; and John Borrett, one of the prothonotaries of the court of Common Pleas, called an assistant to the bar.

Nov. 12.—Manwaring Davis continued reader.

Orders that John Borrett be called to sit at the bar mess in order to be called an associate to the bench; and that Francis Berkley be called to the bar.

Special admissions of Francis Bostock Fuller, grandson of Serjeant Fuller, formerly a master of the bench, upon the special circumstances of his case; and of William Barnesley, son and heir apparent of William Barnesley, a master of the bench.

Nov. 19.—John Borrett, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, called an associate to the bench.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dalby and Dodd, of the bench, and Pengelly and Tyrrell, of the bar.

Treasurer:—Thomas Walker.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances: Edward Jennings, treasurer, 22; Hodges, 32; Courtney, 26; Clendon, 25; Barnesley, 24; Walker, 23; Dalby, 21; Dodd, 21; Hales, 18; Tutt, 18; Payne, 18; Grove, 11; Petit, 10; Lemon, 10; Baron Simpson, 8; Bowyer, 7; Webb, 5; William Farrer, junior, 5; Davis, 5; Sir Simon Harcourt, 5; and Wright, 2.

1703.

Nov. 23, 25, and 26.—Orders that Whitefriars Gate be locked up every night at 10 p.m., and not to be opened till the usual time in the morning; that Charles Musters be fined 20*li.* for not performing the duty of reader for Lyon's Inn; and that Middlemore be fined 5*li.* for not performing the exercise of reader in Clement's Inn, and to be discharged paying duties and presenting names for a reader for the year ensuing.

Nov. 27.—Order setting out the proportions to be paid by the holders of chambers in Mitre Court and Ram Alley Buildings towards the repair of their chambers; that "the trees in the great garden be cut down and the garden to be put in the same model as the gardener hath proposed," and the gardener to have the trees for his

trouble; that the treasurer and others do consider what sort of wall should divide the new buildings from the garden; that the amercement *pro non saltando* be adjourned; and that the usual order be screened up against keeping Christmas.

Orders that the names of Lewis Buckle, Daniel Deligne, and Duncan Dee be sent to Clifford's Inn for the selection of a reader; and that the names of Edward Perrott, John Hawkins, Daniel Foucault, John Holloway, Samuel Harris, and Francis Brown be sent in like manner to Lyon's Inn.

Nov. 29 and 30.—Order that George Shires, a decayed member, have 40*s.*; and that the names of Richard Minshull, Henry Sawyer, and Charles Pultney be sent to Clement's Inn for the selection of a reader.

1703-4.

Jan. 23.—Order that the former orders for the payment of commons, pensions, and preachers' duties be revived and screened up.

Feb. 1.—Order that from henceforth no bencher be allowed to send any wine out of the hall nor be allowed more than one pint of wine at a meal, nor to send the wine allowed to any member in the hall, and that the wine spent in the library or elsewhere out of the hall shall not exceed 10*li.* per annum.

Orders that for the future the pensions and preachers' duties be collected yearly, and the collecting of the arrears be referred to the Friday committee; and that the chamber, lately fallen to the House by the death of Kellett, be screened in order to be sold for the benefit of the House.

Feb. 3, 4, and 5.—Orders for viewing chambers.

Feb. 7.—Order "that this House will join with the Middle Temple in the necessary repairs of the church," and that it be referred to Hale, Barnesley, Webb, and Dodd to meet a committee of the Middle Temple to consider of the method and expense of such repairs; and that it be referred to the same committee to consider of the repairs of the master's house, and treat with a committee of the Middle House about the same.

Orders that the amercements of last term, although in the judgment of the table duly imposed (*pro non saltando*), be for this time only remitted, at the instance of the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar.

Order that it be referred to Barnesley, Dalby, Leman, and Dodd to prepare a draught of an act of parliament for securing the money that shall be advanced by any member of the bench towards payment of the debts of the House.

Orders that the steward's proposal and the question whether Elliott's pension shall be continued, be referred to the Friday committee; that the order for the removal of several families be revived; that Richard Buckby, a member of this society, having removed himself to Lincoln's Inn and paid all duties, be at his own request discharged and his bond delivered up.

FEB. 10 and 12.—Orders that the steward's proposals be referred to a committee of the whole table; that Elliott's pension be continued; and as to the payment of arrears of pensions and preacher's duties.

1704.

MAY 4 and 9.—Orders that the order of 26 January last for padlocking chambers be revived; that Haughton, a member of this society, be removed out of the society for his disorderly way of living; and that the under-cook have 3*li.* for relief in his sickness.

Order that the committee touching the repairs to the church make its report.

MAY 12, 13, and 15.—Orders that Aris, the master of the revels, in respect of his office, pay only 5*li.* for a fine for the chamber he lately purchased of Kelyng; and that certain chambers be viewed.

MAY 19.—Order that Walker, Hales, Payne, Barnesley, and Dalby be desired to meet a committee of the Middle Temple to consider who shall succeed Piggott, the organist, deceased, and that a message be sent to the Middle House to that purpose.

MAY 26.—Whereas Courtney, one of the benchers, has been found guilty of giving away wine from the table, contrary to the order of the table, it is ordered that as a punishment for the offence he be not allowed any more wine during this term.

MAY 27.—Orders that the petition of Henry Owen be rejected; that, upon his petition, John Pigott do succeed his father as organist of the Temple Church; that the charge of repairing the damage to the roof of Sir Robert Sawyer's Buildings be borne by all the

chambers; and that every chamber in the respective staircases where any damage has happened by the late storm, do bear an equal share of the charge of such repair.

MAY 29.—Order that it be referred to the treasurer and others to consider further the steward's proposals, and put the same in execution.

JUNE 26.—Order that Henry Bone succeed Robert Daniel, deceased, as second cook.

Order that the treasurer, Hales, Barnesley, Webb, and Dodd, formerly appointed to consider the repairs to the south side of the church, do meet the treasurer of the Middle House and come to a final agreement touching the same.

JUNE 27 and 30.—Order that Henry Jackson, the reader, on his petition, be paid his additional salary of 10*li.* per annum; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 2 July.

JULY 1, 3, and 5.—Orders that Tutt and Dalby be added to the committee to consider the repair of the Temple Church; that Wharton be admonished not to annoy his neighbours by emptying chamber pots from his windows; and, upon the petition of George Sheires, that 40*s.* be paid him for his relief.

JULY 7.—"Whereas proposals have been made by the steward to provide all provisions and things relating to the expense of commons and defray all charges that are brought to account upon the weekly accounts (except as hereinafter is excepted), and to accept what shall grow due for commons, in satisfaction thereof, as also for his own salary and board wages, and the same having been often debated and considered by the masters of the bench and thought convenient that the society be at a certainty in that affair, it is ordered and agreed as followeth:

"That the steward provide and pay for all things relating to the commons and all matters that are brought to account upon the weekly accounts, and to have the commons roll and casting roll to defray the expense thereof without the assistance of the treasury.

"That the commons be set at 8*s.* 6*d.* ordinary weeks, private grand weeks at 11*s.*, public grand weeks at 15*s.*, casting in weeks, in which there is no grand day, at 10*s.*

"That the steward be allowed out of the treasury for every public grand day a sum not exceeding 20*li.* for apparels.

"That all gentlemen that have not chambers and owe 40*s.* be not admitted into commons in term or vacation before all be paid, under penalty of being turned out of commons.

"That all gentlemen that have chambers and come into commons, pay their commons every second term, and those that are cast in pay every fourth term.

"That the customary commons of the House be continued, and that the gentlemen mess either three or four together as formerly in this society.

"That the great expense of wine be lessened and none sent out of the hall. That the expense of oysters be moderated, and every repaster of a Friday in the winter terms to pay off 14*d.*

"That no bread, beer, or commons be sent out, and that a certain allowance of bread and beer be settled for the turnspits and dishwasher.

"That all gentlemen be obliged to give notice to the butler that keeps the buttery book, at their coming into commons and going out, which may prevent many inconveniences that do often happen.

"That the term commons do not commence before the first day of the term nor continue longer than the last, except to end a half week.

"That the gentlemen vacationers pay the charge of the week's expense, except 50*s.* as now.

"That one of the butlers be appointed to give an account every day to the steward after dinner how many gentlemen eat in the hall, that he may the better know how to provide.

"That the gentlemen sup in the hall according to the order now in being, and not in the buttery or officers' room."

Orders that an account be taken of all goods and utensils, with the beer and other provisions; and that the butler and under-porter collect the commons and other duties in arrear.

Orders that it be referred to the treasurer to treat with the treasurer of the Middle Temple to contract for the repairs of the church and the master's house, as there shall be occasion; and that the treasurer take care to remove all the nuisances and everything that is prejudicial to the church.

Oct. 25.—Order that there be a grand day this term, and that Mr. Solicitor and Courtney invite the lord keeper, master of the Rolls, and judges; that Payne and Dodd invite the serjeants; and that the

orders for the payment of commons, pensions, and preachers' duties be revived.

Oct. 30.—Order "that the prayers in the Temple Church begin from this day at eight o'clock in the morning, as well term as vacation (except upon Sundays and holy days)."

Nov. 9, 11, 17, and 18.—Orders as to chambers; that Francis Berkeley, who was called to the bar by the table last term, but by reason of some extraordinary occasion was not then confirmed, be put in the paper for confirmation, and that Prothonotary Borrett be called an associate.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 21 November, 1703, to 19 November, 1704, in the treasurership of Edward Jennings.

Disbursements.

To the receiver general, a year's window tax, 12*li.*

To John West, for nursing John Temple, and a further sum of 10*li.* for taking the said boy as an apprentice, 11*li.* 19*s.*

To William Holtum, for the same for Thomas Temple, 11*li.* 19*s.*

To Henry Bigg, the proportion of this society for carpenter's work on the Temple Bridge after the great storm, 6*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

To Abraham Woster, for mending five dozen leather buckets and for a leather jack, 3*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

To Roger West, for nursing Elizabeth Temple, and 10*li.* for taking her as an apprentice, 13*li.*

To Baron Sympson, by order of the table, for disbursements by him on account of the late storm [the proportion for two bench chambers], 8*li.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

To Silvester, for wages and disbursements [for prayer books for the fast day, 19 Jan., 1703-4, for prayer books of Thanksgiving for her Majesty's coming to the crown, etc.], 4*li.* 6*s.*

To Bernard Smith, the organ-maker, in part of the arrears of his salary for cleaning and tuning the organ, 20*li.*

To the gardener [for cutting down the trees in the garden that Whitton bought, for "salletting for three grass days" at 10*s.*, etc.], 3*li.* 5*s.*

To Jackson, the reader, a quarter's salary, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Moore, for 8 common prayer books in folio for the use of the church, 6*li.*

To Francis Wilson, for 12 dozen of pint bottles marked with the arms of the House, 1*li.* 10*s.*

For the play called "The Committee," acted in the hall on 1st Nov. [received by John Miles for the use of the players of the New Theatre], 20*li.*

The Queen Dowager's rent, after allowance for taxes, 8*li.* 1*s.*

To Edward Jennings, his allowance as treasurer, 50*li.*

The clerk's bill for disbursements about the church [for prayer books for the Thanksgiving, for a dozen great hassocks for the bench seats], 2*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

To the bricklayer, the proportion of this society towards the repairs of the dean's house occasioned by the great storm, 9*li.*

To the carpenter, for the like, 4*li.* 10*s.*

To Thomas Marchant, the proportion of this House towards the bill for bricklayers' and carpenters' work about the rounds of the church and watermen's shed, 3*li.* 19*s.*

To the master of the revels for 1st, 6th, and 13th of November, 1703, and 1st Nov. 1704 (being public grand day), 10*li.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements [to three labourers picking up slates, for coach to Camberwell about the subscription, for repairs to the vane, spent by Dry and Johnson, apprehending Elizabeth Benting for dropping a bastard child; spent on Olly at surveying the church; to Lord Guernsey's keeper, his fees for a brace of bucks, 2*li.* 3*s.*; spent at the Fountain Tavern by the masters of the bench, being Thanksgiving day, 2*li.* 6*s.*, etc.], 22*li.* 11*s.* 3*d.*

Receipts, 1,558*li.* 4*s.* 0½*d.*

Payments, 1,501*li.* 9*s.* 4½*d.*

Balance, 56*li.* 15*s.* 0*d.* (*sic*).

MISCELLANEA.

1703-4, JAN. 1.—An inventory of goods belonging to the Inner Temple kitchen, enumerating various pots and pans, dishes, and other kitchen utensils.

1703-4, JAN. 1.—An inventory of goods in the Inner Temple buttery: In plate, 1 basin and ewer, 1 gilt cup with a cover, 5 large salts, 10 great cups and 12 little cups, and 23 spoons. A leather carpet, a green carpet, a green baize cloth, an hourglass, the Grace Book, and one pair of scales with weights, and various linen cloths.

1703-4, FEB.—Form of circular letter to the absent masters of the bench, asking them to join with the other masters of the bench in guaranteeing 50*li.* each, towards the payment of the debts of the House.

1703-4, FEB. 2.—Undertaking signed by the treasurer and fifteen masters of the bench promising to advance 50*li.* each towards discharging the debts of the House, to be repaid without interest as the arrears of commons and other duties, etc., shall be received.

1703-4, FEB.—Draft of an act of parliament for indemnifying the masters of the bench for advancing money to pay the debts of the House.

1704, MAR. 30.—Apprenticeship bond by William Holtum for Thomas Temple, aged about 10 years.

1704, JUNE 15.—Like bond by Roger West for Elizabeth Temple, aged about 12 years.

1704, Aug. 17.—An inventory of the Inner Temple goods, as before set out.

1704, Michaelmas Term.—An inventory of the linen, etc.

1704, Oct. 28.—An inventory of plates and dishes.

1704, Nov. 1.—The names of the gentlemen sewers and waiters.

1704, Nov. 17.—Old common prayer books disposed of: to Lord Chief Baron Ward, one; the treasurer, one; Solicitor-General Harcourt, one; Hodges, one; Hales, one; Payne, one; and senior bar pews, two.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances:—Thomas Walker, treasurer, 6; John Hodges, 6; Nicholas Courtney, 4; John Clendon, 4; John Hales, 4; William Barnesley, 3; Thomas Tutt, 2; John Dalby, 2; Samuel Dodd, 2; William Petit, 2; Robert Payne, 1; Manwaring Davis, 1; Edward Jennings, 1; Sir Simon Harcourt, 1; and Sir William Simpson, 1.

1704.

Nov. 26.—Admittances to chambers.

1704-5.

Feb. 11.—Admittances to chambers and allowances to officers.

1705.

May 18.—Samuel Dodd chosen reader.

Henry Lloyd, John Hoo, John Cheshire, and Thomas Parker called to the bench.

Matthew Johnson appointed chief butler, in the room of George Berry, deceased.

June 25.—Francis Pemberton, Richard Hutchinson, Benjamin Sparrey, Thomas Lysle, John Rolle, William Curzon, Henry Thompson, Thomas Gardner, Richard Hoare, Nicholas Jefferyes, John Greenley, Nicholas Williams, Jenkins Price, and Richard Comyns called to the bar.

Order that the Easter roll of 5*s.* claimed by the five butlers, being an ancient allowance payable by the gentlemen of the House, shall be paid yearly by every gentleman, and the same be made part of their bills of commons, and that no gentleman be disadmitted from his chamber, called to any degree, or have a certificate till it be fully paid.

Nov. 11.—The pension for the half year assessed double.

Samuel Dodd is continued reader.

Nov. 18.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Dalby and Dodd, of the bench, and Pengelly and Tyrrell, of the bar.

Treasurer :—John Hales.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances :—Thomas Walker, treasurer, 40; Hodges, 40; Courtney, 38; Clendon, 31; Payne, 31; Hales, 26; Dalby, 21; Dodd, 21; Barnesley, 20; Bowyer, 18; Tutt, 18; Grove, 12; Petit, 11; Jennings, 9; Webb, 8; Davis, 7; Weaver, 7; Baron Simpson, 5; William Farrer, junior, 5; Sir Simon Harcourt, 2; Lemon, 1; Wright, 1; and Lloyd, 1.

1704.

Nov. 21, 22, 23, and 24.—Orders as to viewing chambers; as to the business of George, the washpot; that the gentlemen of the bar who were to perform the exercise, having occasioned a failure by not sending their pleadings to the puisne benchers, be amerced, unless they show cause to the contrary.

Nov. 25.—Order "that the ancient exercise of dancing be revived, and that it begin the first Saturday in next term, and that notice be given thereof by the sub-treasurer to the master of the revels, and for non-performance the usual amercements be imposed."

Orders "that the usual order against Christmas keeping be revived and posted up as formerly;" that the vacationers not having kept a month in commons last vacation, according to the orders of

the House, the vacation shall be disallowed; and that the petition of the washpot be taken next term.

Orders that the names of John Vaughan, Joseph Barnes, and William Martin be sent to Clifford's Inn, and the names of John Holloway, Samuel Harris, and Richard Minshull to Clement's Inn, out of whom to select readers.

Nov. 27.—Orders that Francis Brown be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Lyon's Inn; that the names of John Sandys, Thomas Bolton, Richard Leighton, Edward Owen, John Hawkins, and Daniel Foucault be sent to Lyon's Inn, out of whom to select a reader; that the second cook hold the chamber which Daniel, the second cook, had; that commons be paid; and that the proprietors in each staircase pay equally towards the charge of the repairs of their respective buildings damaged by the storm.

Nov. 28.—Order that Avis be appointed to inspect the workmen's bills.

1704-5.

Jan. 27, 29, and 31.—Orders that the carrying away of ashes, etc., from the laystall be regulated so that it may not be offensive to the privy garden; as to the payment of commons; and that John Smith have possession of James Bengough's chamber, it having been surrendered to him.

Feb. 1 and 5.—Orders that those who owe above 5*li.* for commons, and shall not discharge their debt before the first day of next term, be not admitted to come into commons, and this order to be screened; and that Courtney be allowed 4*li.* 10*s.* for mending his sash windows broken by reason of the storm, he discharging all he owes for commons.

Feb. 7.—Orders that John Tuke be put out of commons for abusing Johnson, the butler; that the additional expense that Baron Sympson has been at on account of the late storm, be raised proportionably upon each chamber.

Feb. 9 and 10.—Orders that the petition of the workmen about the repairs of the roofs occasioned by the late storm, be referred to the Friday committee; and that the case of the gentlemen of the bar who did not deliver their pleadings upon Wednesday night be considered to-morrow.

FEB. 12.—Orders that the gentlemen in the staircases, where repairs have been made on account of the late storm, pay their respective proportions; that all gentlemen vacationers actually dine in the hall three days at least in each week they are obliged to keep, whereof two of the days to be days of exercise, and that the vacations of such as make default be not allowed; that the steward pay 100*li.* to the creditors of the House as the treasurer shall think fit; and that 5*li.* be paid to William Burrell, the badge porter, towards his relief in his sickness.

"Whereas it hath been thought convenient by the masters of the bench that a certain sum be yearly allowed by the society for defraying the expense of the several particulars hereafter mentioned, and the same having been considered and proposed to the four junior butlers to find and provide the same at 70*li.* per annum, payable half yearly at Lady day and Michaelmas, and they having consented to find, provide, and pay for the same accordingly; whereupon it is ordered that the said four junior butlers do for the future find and provide for this society, and pay for all the linen, making and washing thereof, Temple pots and other earthenware, candles used by the watch, pipes, tobacco, wax candles, brooms, mops, corks, etc., and all other disbursements whatsoever that have been at any time heretofore brought into any bill of disbursements by any of the butlers, and also from time to time wind up the clock and pay for the washing and cleaning of the hall, as hath been usual; and that the said butlers do forthwith give Mr. Treasurer an inventory of the linen, pots, etc., that are now in their custody, and when the society shall think fit to determine this agreement, do leave, for the use of the society, linen, Temple pots, etc., of the same quantity and goodness as are now in their custody. And it is further ordered that the said butlers finding, providing, and paying for the said several things, as aforesaid, shall have and receive out of the treasury of this society the sum of 70*li.* yearly, to be paid by half yearly payments, the first payment to be made at Lady day next.

"Whereas it hath been thought convenient by the masters of the bench that the society be at a certainty in the charge of pewter, brass, and other utensils and necessaries used in the kitchen, and for the repairs of the grates and other things there, and whereas the two cooks have undertaken the same, so as the House allow them in

hand the sum of 12*li.* towards buying in such stock of pewter as with the present stock of the House may be sufficient for the use of the society (excepting public grand days)." Whereupon[1] it is ordered that the said cooks do for the future find and provide for this society and pay for all the pewter, brass, tin, and other utensils now in the kitchen, to the end that the stock may be continued, and the same, in value and quantity, left, when the society shall see fit to determine this agreement.

FEB. 13.—Orders that two frames with glass for the preserving of the pots, etc., be made in the garden; and that the treasurer and others do sell and dispose of the several chambers in the hands of the House.

1705.

APRIL 30.—Order that the election of chief butler be upon 8 May.

MAY 1.—Order as to viewing Berrisford's chamber.

MAY 8.—Orders that Matthew Johnson be chief butler, Matthew Brambley, puisne butler, William Burrell, porter, and Richard Cadwallader, badge porter; that the steward give security to indemnify the House against debts contracted by him; and that William Squire, the panierman, in consideration of his place having become of less value, and in recompense of the constant care he is to take of the library, the fountain, and the summer house, be allowed 5*li.* a year over his ancient allowance.

MAY 12.—Orders that a bond be taken from the steward and his son to indemnify the society against persons with whom he deals on account of commons; that the steward give an account of what is owing for commons; that the family in Thomas Wheeler's chamber be removed; that gentlemen who owe for the repairs to the roofs occasioned by the late storm pay their proportions; and that Fletcher be surveyor, and that he inspect and sign the workmen's bills.

MAY 15.—Orders that the manner of calling the new serjeants to the table be considered; and that notice be given to Benjamin Jones not to make any alteration in his chamber without leave of the table.

[1] Marginal note, *Vide* 5 May, 1716.

MAY 18.—Nomination of those called to the bench at the parliament held on this day; and orders for viewing chambers.

MAY 21.—Orders that for the future the House will keep in repair the garden wall and pavement there instead of the gentlemen who have chambers there; that the steward's son, after he has joined in the bond with his father, be admitted gratis; that the treasurer and others be a committee for rebuilding the old staircase in the Temple Lane; and that certain payments be made for the repairs necessitated by the late storm.

JUNE 12, 14, 16, and 19.—Orders upon various gentlemen for the payment of arrears of commons and other duties, and for the repairs to chambers occasioned by the late storm.

JUNE 20.—Orders that Nicholas Jefferyes shall be put into the paper for call to the bar; that the masters of the bench may come in for a repast on Tuesday next at dinner, notwithstanding it is a grand week; that Serjeant Selby and others pay their proportions towards the repairs occasioned by the late storm; that Savage do remove all strangers lodging in his chamber; and that the chambers of certain gentlemen be padlocked unless they pay for their commons.

JUNE 21, 22, and 23.—Nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 25 June; that Mrs. Marsh have 20*li.* given her as a bounty; that the Easter roll of 5*s.* a year, claimed by the butlers, being an ancient allowance made them, be paid by all gentlemen of this society and made part of the bills, and that no gentleman be disadmitted from his chamber, called to the bar, or have a certificate from hence till the same be paid; and as to viewing chambers.

JUNE 26.—Order that Henry Jackson, the reader, have, upon his petition, 10*li.*

JUNE 27.—Licence to Andrew Parker to exercise the trade of a stationer in a ground chamber in Temple Lane belonging to one of the butlers, during the pleasure of the House, and to make a sash light in front of the said chamber.

JUNE 30.—Orders that William Smith, upon paying all duties now due and keeping the roof of his chamber in repair, shall be excused commons; that the treasurer and others be a committee to treat with Woodhouse and other proprietors of the old building in Temple Lane for rebuilding the same; that Lacy's and Jones'

petitions be referred to the same committee; that it be "referred to the same committee to treat with a committee of the Middle Temple or treasurer about the repairs of the church or to consider about the repairs on our side"; that the several debts due to the tradesmen be reduced and paid off; that the sum to be laid out in repairing and fitting up the treasurer's bench chamber be left to the direction of the above committee; that the treasurer, if he please, give direction for a new gown for the porter.

Oct. 24, 25, 26, and 31.—Orders for viewing, etc., of chambers; and that there be a grand day on 1st November, and that Mr. Solicitor and Jennings invite the master of the Rolls and the judges, and Hales and Payne invite the serjeants.

Nov. 3, 10, and 14.—Orders as to paying commons, and viewing of chambers; and that Rutter pay a fine of 5*li.* for admission to a chamber on an assignment.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 19 November, 1704, to 18 November, 1705, in the treasurership of Thomas Walker.

Disbursements.

Salaries to Dr. Sherlock as master of the Temple, and Jackson as reader.

To Aris, for his attendance as master of the revels on 2 Feb., 2*li.*

To Gilbert Lawrence, for nursing James Temple, and 10*li.* for taking him as an apprentice, 11*li.* 19*s.*

To Sylvester, for wages and disbursements [for holly, etc., for prayer books for the fast day and for 8 Mar., etc], 4*li.* 5*s.*

To Lime, for 4 silver cups and engraving [44 oz. 12 dwt. at 6*s.* 4*d.* an oz.], 14*li.* 18*s.*

To Smith, the organ-maker, more in part of his salary, 30*li.*

To Pigott, the organist, a quarter's salary, 6*li.* 5*s.*

To Walthoe, for the proportion of this society towards a new large folio Bible and Common Prayer Book, 1*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

To Searle, the woodmonger, for faggots delivered in the treasurerships of Weaver, Clendon, Petyt, and the solicitor general, 21*li.* 15*s.*

Bill for the porter's gown, 6*li.* 14*s.*

To the upholsterer, the remainder of his bill [an elbow chair, Turkey work, 2*li.*; 24 Turkey work chairs, at 15*s.* each, etc.], 33*li.* 11*s.*

To Moore for a leather carpet, 2*li.* 4*s.*

To the silversmith, for the flying horse on the porter's staff [for the horse "in new starling wayes," 31 oz. 14 dwt. at 5*s.* 5*d.* per oz., the fashion of it at 1*s.* 9*d.* per oz. for engraving two inscriptions and the assay], 11*li.* 8*s.* 2*d.*

A bill for wine, etc., spent at the Fountain Tavern on 23 Aug., being Thanksgiving day, 3*li.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

To the carver, for his work in the library, 26*li.* 10*s.*

To Pistor, for [a fine large chimney glass

in a fine glass moulding frame, and a fine large pair of engraved glass sconces], 9*li.* 18*s.*

To Thomas Walker, treasurer, his allowance, 50*li.*

To the treasurer, for repairs of his bench chamber, 42*li.* 17*s.*

For the play acted on 1st Nov., 1705, before the judges in the hall of this society [receipt by Zachary Bagg for the use of the players of the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane], 20*li.*

To Charles Gardiner [for 17 box trees at 5*s.*, for "sallett for the grass day," etc.], 5*li.* 1*s* 6*d.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements [spent at the Fountain Tavern on 3 Jan., 1704-5, by the masters of the bench, the French standards, etc., being carried to Westminster, 2*li.* 16*s.* 6*d.*; to the porters on 23 Oct., by the treasurer's order, on the taking of Barcelona, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for 15 watchmen on grand day, 1*li.* 17*s.* 6*d.*; to Bass, for measuring and valuing the carver's work, 10*s.*, etc.], 22*li.* 5*s.* 9*d.*

Receipts, 2,962*li.* 3*s.* 9*d.*

Disbursements, 2,954*li.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

Balance, 7*li.* 16*s.* 5*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1704-5, MARCH 19.—Note as to Collett's admittance to a chamber.

1705, APRIL 24.—Apprenticeship bond by Gilbert Lawrence for James Temple, aged about twelve years.

1705, NOV. 22.—Receipt by William Fazakerley, receiver-general within the city of London and county of Middlesex and Inns of Court and Chancery within the same, of an aid of 4*s.* in the pound on land, granted in 1 Anne by an Act for granting a Land Tax for carrying on the war with France and Spain, from the collectors of the Inner Temple and the Inns of Chancery thereunto belonging, the sum of 400*li.*, including collectors' poundage.

Note that the said collectors have paid in money for subsidies and duty in houses and windows, and duties on marriages, etc.

1705. MICHAELMAS TERM.—A list of gentleman sewers and waiters.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances:—JOHN HALES, treasurer, 7; JOHN CLENDON, 7; NICHOLAS COURTNEY, 6; JOHN HODGES, 6; JOHN DALBY, 5; RICHARD WEBB, 5; THOMAS WALKER, 4; SAMUEL DODD, 4; ROBERT PAYNE, 3; WILLIAM PETIT,

2; Richard Webb, 1; Edward Jennings, Q.C., 1; Sir Simon Harcourt, 1; Francis Browne, 1; John Borret, 1; and Ralph Hare, 1.

1705.

Nov. 25.—Admittances to chambers.

1705-6.

Feb. 3.—John Borrett, one of the prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas and an associate of the bench, called to be a master of the bench, paying 100*li.* and a further 50*li.* when he shall be chosen reader.

Charles Squire called to the bar.

Feb. 10.—Admittances to chambers.

1706.

May 5.—Pensions assessed double.

George Wright chosen reader for Trinity vacation.

Special admissions of John Borrett, eldest son of Mr. Prothonotary Borrett, a master of the bench, at the request of his father; of John Hodges, grandson of John Hodges, a master of the bench, at the request of his grandfather; of John Dodd, second son of Samuel Dodd, a master of the bench, at the request of his father; and of George Parker, son and heir apparent of Sir Thomas Parker serjeant-at-law, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Order that in case the members now called to the bench neglect or refuse to accept of this call, they shall and are hereby declared incapable of ever being called to the bench hereafter.

Order that Sir Richard Leving, Charles Musters, Sir Gilbert Dolben, Francis Brown, and Ralph Hare be called to the bench, and notice thereof be given them forthwith, and that they return their answers to the table the first day of next term.

June 9.—Jacob Cliffe, Moses Amyrant, William Kinaston, Thomas Jobber, John Webber, John Niccoll, Samuel Cruwys, William Blencow, Luke Thompson, and William Walker called to the bar.

Nov. 10.—Admittances to chambers.

Nov. 17.—Order that William Cook be appointed chief cook in the place of William Arnold, deceased.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dalby and Dodd, of the bench, and Tyrell and Pengelly of the bar.

Treasurer.—Robert Payne.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—John Hales, treasurer, 20; Hodges, 25; Clendon, 24; Dodd, 22; Courtney, 21; Barnsley, 19; Payne, 16; Walker, 15; Dalby, 11; Webb, 11; Bowyer, 9; Jennings, 9; Borrett, 9; Baron Simpson, 8; Farrer, 4; Davis, 4; Harcourt, 4; Paunceforth, 3; Hare, 2; Petit, 1; and Wright, 1.

1705.

Nov. 19 and 24.—Orders for viewing chambers, and as to the Exchequer Office.

Nov. 27.—Orders that Joseph Barnes and Richard Leighton be fined 20*li.* each for not reading respectively at Clifford's Inn and Lyon's Inn, and that they be continued readers till their fines be discharged.

Order that Richard Minshall, having performed the office of reader for Clement's Inn be discharged, and, out of the names returned by him, that the names of William Gilpin, Richard Knapp, and John Holloway be sent to that inn.

1705-6.

Jan. 24, 25, and 29.—Orders for viewing chambers, and that John Borrett be called to the bench.

Feb. 1.—Orders that Charles Squire be called to the bar; that "it he referred to Walker, Payne, Barnesley, and Dodd to meet a committee of the Middle Temple and to consider the rights of the master, and to report.

Feb. 4.—Order that every gentleman that shall hereafter be called to the bar shall pay 40*s.* towards the charge of the organ.

Feb. 7, 8, and 11.—Orders for viewing chambers, and that Mr. Solicitor, Jennings, Courtney, Bowyer, and Clendon be added to the committee to consider the rights of the master.

1706.

April 17.—Order that Joseph Barnes having paid his fine and duties, be discharged from his reading, and that the names of William York, Thomas Sturt, and John Vaughan be sent to Clifford's Inn from which to elect a reader.

April 22.—Order that notice be given to the committee appointed by the Middle Temple touching the rights of the master that the committee of this society will meet them on Wednesday in the rounds.

April 27.—Order that there be a call to the bench this term; and that the under-treasurer acquaint the deputy remembrancer of the Exchequer that unless the rent of 25*li.* due at Lady day be paid, and unless he agree to take a lease for seven or eleven years at 50*li.* a year, that the office shall be taken into the hands of the House and padlocked.

April 30.—Order for a chamber to be viewed.

May 3 and 4.—Orders that if the members now called to the bench neglect or refuse to accept this call, they shall be incapable of ever being called hereafter; that Cooper, in respect of his poverty, have 5*li.* given him; that Mrs. Young have 10*li.* paid to her; that every officer watch in his turn, and if any officer be excused, no one is to watch for him but a person approved by the under-treasurer; that the watch go off at 4 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter; that no strange women be admitted to come or go out of the House after eleven at night; "that one watchman go, from each place they stand at, the rounds, twice every night, and wherever they see a candle after twelve to knock at the door till answer and bid them take care of their lights"; and special admission (May 4) of George Parker, eldest son of Sir Thomas Parker, serjeant at law.

May 24.—Order that Moore give Lee possession of his chamber by Thursday.

June 3, 5, 6, and 7.—Orders that the summer house be amended according to the draught of the committee; that Jackson the reader have the same allowance for this year's service as he had for the last; nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 9 June, together with Sir John St. Leger, John Turvin, and Jeremy

Pemberton; and that Barnesley and Dalby view the place where Serjeant Selby desires to make a vault.

JUNE 8.—Upon report of the committee, it is ordered that the church be repaired, the stairs of the Temple Bridge amended, and the Thames water laid in at the direction of the treasurer.

OCT. 24 and 25.—Order that 1 November be kept as a public grand day and a play to be then acted; and that Mr. Solicitor and Jennings invite the Master of the Rolls and the judges, and Barnesley and Dodd invite the serjeants.

NOV. 12.—Orders that the petition of William Russell, the barber, praying for a further term in his house, be referred to Dalby and others; and upon reading the petition of William Cook for the place of chief cook, vacant by the death of Arnold, that he be so appointed.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 18 November, 1705, to 17 November, 1706, in the treasurership of John Hales.

RECEIPTS.

From Giles Clark, a year's rent for Lyon's Inn and two tenements adjoining, after allowance of 1*li.* 10*s.* for taxes, 6*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

From the assignee of Williams, a year's rent due for four shops in Tanfield Court, 6*li.*

From Hargrave, a year's rent for his lights into Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for enlarging two windows next the Temple Lane, 2*s.*, in all 8*s.* 8*d.*

From Widow Warner, for a year's rent of her shop in the churchyard, 6*s.* 8*d.*

From the Fountain Tavern, a year's rent for lights into Temple Lane, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Money received towards the organ from the gentlemen called to the bar, pursuant to the order in that case made, 22*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To John Peters, for two tarpaulin cloths for the garden, 1*li.* 17*s.*

For the window tax, due for this society at Lady day [in full for one year to the chamberlain of London, receiver general], 12*li.*

To Jackson, the reader, for a quarter's salary, 3*li.* 15*s.*

To Mr. Sherlock, a quarter's salary, 25*li.*

To the organist, a quarter's salary, 6*li.* 5*s.*

To Mrs. Collins, the proportion of this society towards the cloth for [the reader's] surplices, 3*li.* 3*s.* 6*d.*

To Charles Gardener, for the privy garden [for 4 hollys at 6*s.* each, for 4 yews at 5*s.* each, for 2 "messerins" at 2*s.* each, and 2 "lorrestines" at 2*s.* each, etc.], 7*li.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

For nursing foundlings, and clothes for the same.

To Smith, for two years and a quarter for cleaning and tuning the organ, 22*li.* 10*s.*

For the use of the convex lights from Michaelmas to Christmas, 20*li.*

To Tompion, for his care of the clock, six years and a half, 6*li.* 10*s.*

To Squire, for a year's care of the library, summer house, and fountain, 5*li.*

To Barber, for wine spent [by the masters of the bench] at the Fountain Tavern on 27 June, being Thanksgiving day, 5*li.* 11*s.* 11*d.*

To Berchett, for the eight figures at the end of Sir Robert Sawyer's Building, 21*li.* 10*s.*

To Johnson, for the use of the workmen, for repairs upon the bench chambers occasioned by the great storm, 36*li.*

To Mrs. Ball, a year's rent for the master's house, 20*li.*

To Woollaston, the city butler, for the use of plate, linen, etc., on the grand day, 5*li.*

For the play acted in the hall on 1 Nov., 1706 [to Zachary Bagg for the players of the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane], 20*li.*

To the silversmith, for silver spoons, 11*li.* 10*s.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements [spent at the Fountain Tavern on 23 April, 1706, 1*li.* 10*s.*; to Dry for carrying a lewd woman to Bridewell, 2*s.*; to Tom Dry his expenses about the boy that was killed by the fall from the wall at the Queen's Bench Office, 3*s.* 6*d.*; for fringe, silk, etc., for repair of the cushions in the church; for the trumpet on grand day; to Tom Dry, for carrying two other lewd women to Bridewell, 5*s.* 3*d.*, etc.], 14*li.* 3*s.* 8*d.*

Receipts, 2,377*li.* 16*s.* 9*d.*
Disbursed, 1,683*li.* 0*s.* 4*d.*
Remains, 694*li.* 16*s.* 5*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1706, Nov. 1.—A list of gentlemen sewers and waiters.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year with the number of their attendances:—Robert Paine, treasurer, 7; John Clendon, 7; John Dalby, 7; Nicholas Courtney, 6; Arthur Weaver, 6; John Hales, 5; William Barnesley, 5; John Hodges, 3; Richard Webb, 3; Matthew Davis, 3; Ralph Hare, 3; Thomas Walker, 2; Edward Jennings, Q.C., 2; John Borret, 2; William Farrer, junior, 1; Samuel Dodd, 1; Sir Simon Harcourt, 1; Anthony Bowyer, 1; Baron Simpson, 1; and George Wright, 1.

1706.

Nov. 24.—George Wright continued reader.

Grimbald Paunceforth called to the bench.

Edward Girdler, John Bond, Jeremy Pemberton, and Richard Harcourt called to the bar.

1706-7.

Feb. 12.—Henry Graham having surrendered his interest in his ground chamber in the staircase going down the Inner Temple Lane,

to the society, pursuant to the order of the table, it is ordered that the said chamber shall be converted into a bookseller's shop, and that George Grafton, a bookseller, shall enjoy the same for eleven years, paying a fine of 5*li.* and a yearly rent of 5*li.*

Special admissions of John Dolben, son and heir-apparent of Sir Gilbert Dolben, bart., a master of the bench, at the request of his father; of Brook Paunceforth, son of Grimbald Paunceforth, a master of the bench, at the request of his father; of Thomas Hare, son and heir-apparent of Ralph Hare, a master of the bench, at the request of his father; and of Manwaring Davies, son and heir-apparent of Manwaring Davis (*sic*), a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

1707.

MAY 11.—Allowances to officers and admittances to chambers.

MAY 25.—John Borrett chosen reader.

JUNE 29.—Order that William Ruffle, barber, have eleven years added to his term in his shop and rooms on the south side of the Temple church, he rebuilding the same in such manner as may be directed by the bench table.

Benedict Browne, Sir John St. Leger, Gell Marshall, Joseph Taylor, Robert Knapp, Thomas Gabell, Giles Clarke, Thomas Morgan, Gilbert Walmisley, William Hawkins, John Winstone, Robert Davey, Nicholas Herle, and Joseph Herne called to the bar.

Order that Jackson, the reader, by the special favour of the bench, may have the chamber, late Cressett's, in King's Bench Building, to hold during pleasure and to be allowed 25*li.* towards finishing the same, but never to ask for more; and he is to reside therein and not let the same.

NOV. 9.—The pensions for the last half year assessed single.

NOV. 16.—John Borrett continued reader for Hilary vacation.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dalby and Dodd, of the bench, and Tyrrell and Pengelly, of the bar.

Treasurer:—William Barnesley.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year with the number of their attendances:—ROBERT

Payne, treasurer, 33; Clendon, 31; Hodges, 27; Courtney, 26; Dalby, 25; Barnsley, 24; Borrett, 24; Hales, 22; Dodd, 20; Webb, 18; Walker, 14; Paunceforth, 14; Hare, 13; Bowyer, 12; Jennings, 12; Knapp, 10; Wright, 8; Weaver, 4; Farrer, 4; Davis, 3; Harcourt, 2; Longuevile, 1; and Brown, 1.

1706.

Nov. 19.—Order that Jeremy Pemberton, considering his exercise and behaviour the last vacation, be called to the bar; "that the clause delivered by the Middle Temple relating to precedency be omitted;" that George Wright be continued reader; that the sheets upon which the vacationers made their orders the last vacation be taken out of the Buttery Book and kept by the under-treasurer, and that that vacation be disallowed; and that the treasurer and others be a committee to inspect the steward's accounts.

Nov. 21 and 22.—Nominations of those called to the bench and bar at the Parliament held on 24 November.

Nov. 25.—Order that William York, having performed the office of reader for Clifford's Inn, be discharged, and out of the names returned by him it is ordered that the names of Duncan Dee, Samuel Dalton, and Brereton Boucher be sent to that inn.

Order that William Gilpin be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Clement's Inn, and that the names of Richard Knapp, William Martin, and Charles Bawdes be sent to Clement's Inn, from whom that society is to make choice of a reader.

Order that the names of John Churchill, Anthony Ellesdon, John Duke, Thomas Price, Abell Bradley, and Henry Sawyer be sent to Lyon's Inn, from whom that society is to make choice of a reader.

Nov. 28.—Order that 3*li.* be given to Eleanor Arnold, widow of William Arnold, late chief cook.

1706-7.

Jan. 28.—Order that the committee appointed touching the rights of the master of the Temple meet a committee of the Middle Temple.

Jan. 31.—Upon the report of the committee of both Houses appointed to consider the rights of the two societies and the master

of the Temple, it was ordered that the said report be entered in the book of orders of this society.

The report is dated 6 June, 1706, "We, the said committees, having inspected and perused the books and entries of both the societies, do find and are of opinion that the Master by his patent is to find at his own charge the minister or reader and the clerk or sexton, and to officiate daily by himself or deputy, and by his patent hath a salary or pension from the Crown of 37*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum.

"We also find and are of opinion that the soil of the church and churchyard is in the societies, and that the ancient rates for burials in respect of the ground are as followeth: In the round walk and elsewhere below the chancel and aisle, 10*s.*; in the benchers' aisle, 1*li.*; in the gentlemen's aisle, 15*s.*; in the chancel beneath the steps, 1*li.* 6*s.*; in the chancel above the steps, 2*li.*

"Which rates or duties do belong to the respective societies and have been formerly collected and accounted for to them accordingly.

"We find that no stranger is to be buried in the church or churchyard, without leave of the respective treasurers.

"We further find that the ancient burying fees are as followeth, viz.:—To the curate for attending the corpse and service, 5*s.*; to the clerk for ringing the bell and attending, 4*s.*; to the grave-maker and for filling the grave and new laying the stone, 3*s.* 4*d.*

"But we do not find any sum mentioned to be payable to the master if he is pleased to attend or officiate himself.

"We find the rates now taken for the ground and burying fees to be as followeth, viz.: for all burials in the rounds, for the soil, 1*li.*; to the master, 10*s.*; to the clerk, 5*s.*; to the sexton, 2*s.* 6*d.*

"And in the aisles as followeth, viz.:—The side aisles, for the ground, 1*li.* 10*s.*; for the master, 10*s.* The middle aisles, for the ground, 2*li.*; for the master, 10*s.* In the chancel and vaults, for the ground, 3*li.*; for the master, 10*s.*

"And that all strangers pay double for the ground and to the master and officers, except in the chancel and vault, where strangers pay 4*li.* 10*s.* for the ground.

"And that the clerk and sexton take their fees as above for all these burials, viz., 5*s.* the clerk and 2*s.* 6*d.* the sexton.

"And we further find that the late master did take and demand

the fees above mentioned for the ground as well as his own fees; and that these fees for the vaults have been taken and claimed by the master, notwithstanding the vaults were lately built by the two societies.

"We also find that Dr. Mittlethwaite, who was master of the Temple in King Charles the First's time, did make several pretences and demands before the then archbishop, the Council Board, and Star Chamber, and that several hearings were thereupon had, and several references and reports were made thereupon, and his then Majesty's Council advised with therein, and that respective rolls were ordered to be made by the societies the 19th May, 1637, to charge the members of the societies in commons with 18*d.* a year a piece. And afterwards, 2nd July, 1647, to charge the masters with 2*s.*, the barristers with 18*d.*, and the gentlemen with 1*s.* apiece every term. But that these were all limited during the pleasure of the societies by their respective acts, as appears to us by the entries in the books.

"And we further find that afterwards, in the late troublesome times, several temporary provisions were made for the then masters of the Temple, but that upon the Restoration, after several disputes, 24th November, 1661, the Inner House ordered 25*li.* per quarter to be paid to Dr. Ball in full of all dues and demands whatsoever, and for the better raising the same, ordered a rate to be made upon the respective members, but this not to be a precedent to any that should succeed him. And that Dr. Ball during his life received the said 25*li.* per quarter.

"And that by an act of the Middle House, 30th October, 1663, it is ordered that the master be allowed 70*li.* per annum for the present, to be paid half yearly in lieu of all chambers and payments whatsoever, and that the master during his life receive the said 70*li.* per annum.

"And we find that by an act of the 9th May, 1684, the Middle Temple ordered Dr. Sherlock to be paid 70*li.* per annum by half yearly payments, in lieu of chambers and all other payments formerly made to the master. And that the 15th June, 1684, by an act of the Inner House, Dr. Sherlocke was ordered the same salary as Dr Ball had, viz., 25*li.* per quarter, to be raised as formerly for paying Dr. Ball.

"Upon the whole matter we are of opinion that the respective payments made by the societies, as well before as since the Restoration, were voluntary payments and not as of right or due, but were made to the respective masters pursuant to the acts and orders of both the societies, out of respect and as a temporary reasonable provision for them.

"We do find that the master did formerly lay claim to the several chambers and lodgings, but what right he had thereto or what in particular they were or the values of them does nowhere appear to us, but the payments have been made ever since 1661, as above is mentioned.

"Agreed—Committees of the Inner Temple: John Clendon, Tho. Walker, Rob^{t}. Payne, W. Barnesley, and Sam. Dodd. The Middle Temple: Pet. Broughton, H. Hetherington, Jos. Offley, and John Radford.

"And it is also ordered that the further consideration of the said report be referred to the Friday Committee."

Feb. 1, 3, and 7. Orders that Henry Thompson attend the table as to a door made from his chamber; that the petitions of the gentlemen vacationers and Henry Graham be referred to the Friday committee.

Feb. 8 and 12.—Orders that the matter of the lamps be referred to Hales and others; that Henry Graham, upon surrendering his chamber, shall have a lease for eleven years at 5*li.* a year.

1707.

May 7 and 9.—Orders for viewing chambers.

May 10.—Orders that Mills attend the committee next Friday with an account of the prosecution of the several bonds; that Weaver and others be a committee about the affair of my Lady Salisbury; and that the election of reader be put off.

May 15.—Orders that a list be made of the names of the gentlemen that put themselves out of commons last Tuesday night, and which of them have chambers; and as to the payment of commons.

May 19, 20, 24, and 26.—Orders that 10*li.* be paid to the daughters of John Cressett, deceased; that Tooker's request to compound for his vacations be referred to the Friday committee; that Hodges and Davis each have 10*li.* towards repairing their bench

chambers; and that Ruffles have eleven years added to his term in his house and shop upon rebuilding the same.

JUNE 21.—Orders that Dr. Sherlock be allowed 40*li.* upon the same terms as the Middle Temple make their allowances; that "it be referred to the treasurer to repair the east end of the church in conjunction with the Middle House"; that Jackson, the reader, be allowed 20*li.* per annum, and it be considered whether it is fit that the reader be allowed a chamber; and for the payment of commons.

JUNE 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 30.—Orders that Jennings be allowed 10*li.* towards the repair of his bench chamber; that Jackson, the reader, be allowed a chamber; that 5*li.* be added to the panierman's salary; that William Knight's petition as to his chamber be referred to the Friday committee; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 29 June.

JULY 2 and 4.—Order that the chief butler be restored into commons.

OCT. 28 and 29.—Orders that there be a public grand day kept on 1 November next, and that Mr. Attorney and Jennings invite the master of the Rolls and judges, and that Hare and Paunceforth invite the serjeants; and that a demand be made for commons in arrear.

NOV. 3, 7, 10, and 13.—Orders that certain chambers be viewed, and that William Knight be fined 20*li.* for altering his chamber without leave, and 10*li.* for encroachments upon the ground of the society.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 17 November, 1706, to 16 November, 1707, in the treasurership of Robert Payne.

RECEIPTS.

Money received towards the organ, 36*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To John White, the scavenger, for carrying off rubbish, etc., occasioned by the repairs of the church, 4*li.* 5*s.*

To Newnam Taylor, for carriage of 50 loads of rubbish from the new well, etc., 3*li.* 10*s.*

To Barnaby Steward, for wire work, 1*li.* 14*s.*

To Barber, for wine spent [by the masters of the bench] on 31 December, 1706, being Thanksgiving day, 6*li.* 10*s.*

To Thomas Dry, for taking Sarah Temple as an apprentice and providing all

necessaries for the said girl so that the society shall be freed and discharged from any further care], 10*li.*

To William Burnet, the proportion of this society for wire work at the church, 1*li.* 4*s.*

For a year's window tax, 12*li.*

To Chark, for entertainment the two last Thanksgiving days, treasurer's accounts, etc., 6*li.* 6*s.* 1*d.*

To Stanton, the mason, the full proportion of this society towards his bill for work done at the Church, etc., 127*li.*

To the carpenter, for the like at the church, master's house, bridge, and elsewhere, 102*li.* 10*s.*

To Doogood, the plasterer, for the like, 60*li.* 15*s.* 6*d.*

To the glaziers, for the like, 43*li.* 15*s.*

To the plumbers, for the like. 43*li.* 10*s.*

To the painters, for the like, 40*li.*

To the bricklayers, for the like, 25*li.*

To the smiths, for the like, 23*li.*

To the joiners, for the like, 10*li.* 6*s.*

To the plasterers, for work done at the Dean's house, 6*li.*

The proportion of this House for carver's work, 6*s.*

The bill of the charges of the burial of John Cressett, 2*li.* 19*s.* 4*d.*

To Hayward, the part of this society for measuring the several works done at the repairs of the church, 4*li.*

To Byne, for the damage he sustained by reason of the new buildings stopping up his end lights, 10*li.* 15*s.*

To the panierman, half a year's allowance for his care of the library, 2*li.* 10*s.*

To Barber, at the Fountain Tavern, two bills for wine, etc., spent on 1st and 19th May, 5*li.* 2*s.*

To Wilson, for a gross of pint bottles [marked], 1*li.* 10*s.*

To Fowler, for a year's care of the fountain, 1*li.*

To Took, for elephant paper and [24] "prints for the dial", 1*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

For half a year's rent for the New River Water, 2*li.*

To Wynn, for two dials, etc., 25*li.*

To George Newland, for the repair of Hodge's chamber, 10*li.*

To Jackson, the reader, for finishing his chamber, 25*li.*

To Stevens, for painting the wall bench in the Little Garden, 12*li.*

To [Edward Strong for the pedestal for the dial in the Great Garden steps, etc.], 25*li.*

To Manwaring Davies, for the repair of his bench chambers, 10*li.*

To the panierman, towards his expenses in his illness, 2*li.* 3*s.*

The under-treasurer's bill of disbursements [to Burrell, for finding out Fletcher to measure the church work; to Somers, for scouring and setting up the hangings in the chamber let to Shirley, 12*s.*; the moiety of a bill spent at the Mitre Tavern at the adjusting of the bills about the church, 12*s.* 10*d.*; the expenses at the Horn tavern at the meeting of the two treasurers about the church, 8*s.*; to Dry, for carrying a lewd woman to Bridewell, 1*s.*; to the porters, for playing the engine, 2*s.*; for search of Pettyt's will and fee, 4*s.* 4*d.*, etc.], 21*li.* 6*s.* 11*d.*

Receipts, 2,346*li.* 0*s.* 8*d.*
Disbursements, 1,953*li.* 14*s.* 6*d.*
Remains, 392*li.* 6*s.* 2*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1707, JUNE 2.—An inventory of the linen, viz.: 6 "Swingers" cloths, 4 officers' cloths, 12 bench cloths, 5 clerks' cloths, 11 high hall cloths, etc.

1707, Sept. 4.—Warrant for the payment of 44*li.* 18*s.* for stone-work done at the east end of the Temple Church.

1707, Oct. 18.—A warrant for the payment of the moiety of the carpenter's bill for 46*li.* 10*s.* for scaffolding at the east end of the church, for guttering at the west end, and for a "cupilow" on the south side of the church (31*li.*).

1707, Oct. —.—An account for repairing the gutters and lead on the roof of the Temple Church.

1707, Nov. 1.—A list of gentlemen sewers and waiters.

1707.—Warrant to pay the mason's bill for repairing the east and west ends of the church, viz. :—for 63 ft. "of coving Cornish," at the east end, 22*li.* 1*s.*; for taking the three gable ends of coping and new setting and cutting out the old stones where decayed and making good again, 5*li.* 10*s.*; for 54 ft. of coping at the west end of the church, 5*li.* 8*s.*; to the polisher for new "glaing" (glazing?) the marble font in the church, 14*s.*; for iron work to fasten it, 1*s.*; for plaster of Paris and setting up, 4*s.*; for mending the Knight Templar and plaster of Paris, 4*s.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: William Barnesley, treasurer, 7; John Dalby, 7; John Clendon, 6; John Hales, 6; Nicholas Courtney, 5; Samuel Dodd, 4; Ralph Hare, 4; Matthew Davis, 3; John Borret, 3; John Holloway, 3; William Wright, 3; John Tooker, 3; Robert Payne, 2; Edward Jennings, Q.C., 2; Baron Simpson, 2; Richard Knapp, 2; Richard Webb, 1; William Farrer, junior, 1; Sir Simon Harcourt, 1; and George Wright, 1.

1707.

Nov. 23.—Admittances to chambers.

1707-8.

Feb. 1.—Order that Richard Knapp, John Holloway, William Wright, and John Tooker be called to the bench.

Feb. 12.—Admittance to a chamber.

1708.

MAY. 16.—Sir Gilbert Dolben, bart., chosen reader.

JUNE 20.—Christopher Theed, Charles Weld, Thomas Jones, Thomas Methuen, Geoffrey Hornby, James Jenyns, William Buckle, Thomas Price, and Joseph Ash called to the bar.

NOV. 7.—Sir Gilbert Dolben, knt., continued reader. Sir Peter King, recorder of London, called to the bench.

NOV. 21.—Samuel Trewell, junior, appointed steward according to the proposals annexed to his bond.

Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dalby and Dodd, of the bench, and Tyrell and Pengelly, of the bar.

Treasurer:—Sir William Simpson, knt., one of the barons of the Exchequer.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—WILLIAM BARNSLEY, treasurer, 34; HODGES, 33; DALBY, 26; PAYNE, 24; COURTNEY, 21; BORRETT, 21; BARON SIMPSON, 20; HALES, 20; HOLLOWAY, 19; WEBB, 19; HARE, 19; DODD, 16; W. WRIGHT, 15; TOOKER, 14; PAUNCEFORTH, 13; KNAPP, 11; JENNINGS, 9; GROVE, 9; DAVIS, 5; BOWYER, 4; and G. WRIGHT, 3.

1707.

NOV. 18, 21, and 22.—Orders for viewing chambers; that William Knight's petition for a mitigation of his fines. be rejected; and that the Act of Parliament of 19 November, 1691, ought not to hinder Wright from having a bench chamber.

NOV. 25.—Orders that Knight's chamber be padlocked for not paying his fines; that Duncan Dee and John Dyke be fined 20*li.* each for not reading at Clifford's Inn and Lyon's Inn respectively; that Charles Bawdes shall discharge all duties owing by him or be continued reader for Clement's Inn; that the names of John Peachy, Daniel Deligne, and William Martin be sent to Clifford's Inn; and the names of Robert Frampton, Charles Morgan, Samuel Dalton,

John Churchill, Anthony Ellesdon, and Brereton Bourchier be sent to Lyon's Inn, out of which to choose a reader.

1707-8.

JAN. 26, 29, and 31.—Orders for the payment of commons; and nomination of those called to the bench at the parliament held on 1 February.

FEB. 11.—Orders for viewing chambers.

1708.

APRIL 27.—Upon reading the petition of Shrider, organ-maker, who desires to succeed Smith, lately deceased, as to the repairing, cleaning, and keeping the organ in tune, it is ordered that the disposition and direction thereof be left to the treasurer.

APRIL 29 and 30.—Orders for the payment of commons; and that the gentlemen of the bar taking up the imparlance, do for the future deliver a copy of all the pleadings, before the bench rise from dinner, to the exercise butler, and any failure in that behalf be taken as a failure of the exercise.

MAY 4.—Order upon petition of the second cook and panierman that they may provide calves' head for some day in the grand week, but not on grand day, and this to be no precedent.

MAY 7.—"Upon reading the petition of Mr. Thomas Major, setting forth that Michael Newnham, esq., and Mr. Edward Newnham, his brother, are indebted to him in about the sum of 100*l.*, and that he hath recovered judgment, and that the said Mr. Edward Newnham shelters himself in this society, and praying that he may be permitted to arrest him in the said society, being no member thereof. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Mr. Major be permitted to arrest the said Mr. Edward Newnham within the said society, but that he forthwith have notice thereof."

MAY 12, 14, and 15.—Order that the former committee about the steward be revived; that no member have above one repast in any week, except the first in the term; that it be referred to the Friday committee "to consider of all sorts of exercise, viz., what, on what days, and in what manner to be performed."

JUNE 7.—The masters of the bar having applied to the table upon some special matter, it is ordered that the consideration thereof

be adjourned till Thursday next, and that the masters of the bench have notice to be present.

JUNE 10.—Order that the address of the bar be considered at the table.

JUNE 12.—Orders that Hales and others be added to the committee about the steward's affair; that such committee consider whether the steward's bond and contract be fit to be altered in form, and whether the bond is sufficient, considering the matter and persons obliged, and the committee to meet in the library, between 8 and 9 a.m.; that arrears of commons be paid; that no bencher have any choice of chamber or any vote at the table or in parliament, whilst he owes above 10*li.* for commons, three days after it is demanded; that there be a call to the bar this term; that special care be forthwith taken about entering the matter about the master and the church, and that for such purpose application be made to get a copy of what is entered in the Middle Temple, for assistance therein; and that it be referred to Clendon and others to consider and settle the forms about exercise, revels, and the going out of serjeants, and other ceremonies, and to see the same entered.

JUNE 14.—Orders that Mr. Sherlock, master of the Temple, may be at liberty to take down the brick wall and set up pallisadoes between his garden and Tanfield Court, but the same is to be first viewed by Dalby and Hare; and that there be a call to the bar on Friday.

JUNE 15 and 16.—Nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on June 20; and that the matter of the bar be adjourned.

JUNE 17, 18, 19, 21, and 23.—Order that Payne withdraw his motion relating to the master of the Temple; further nomination of those called to the bar; that the treasurer and others be a committee to consider under what regulations, restrictions, and limitations, the gentlemen of the bar may be admitted into the hall; that the report made by Hare, from the committee appointed to consider of the affairs of the steward, be agreed to; and a copy of such proposals be given to the steward.

OCT. 25 and 29.—Orders that there be a public grand day this term, and that Jennings and Courtney invite the master of the Rolls and judges, and that Paunceforth and Holloway invite the serjeants; and that Sir Peter King be called to the bench.

Nov. 4, 8, and 9.—Orders that the present steward continue for this term and no longer, and that Trowell from henceforth be steward; and that the arrears for commons be paid.

Nov. 10, 18, and 20.—Orders that the security proposed by Trowell, be approved of; that the committee about the master be revived; that the committee relating to the going out of serjeants, forms of exercise, grand day, and revels be revived, and report to the Friday committee; and that the bonds of William Busfeild and William Gilpin be delivered up.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 16 November, 1707, to 21 November, 1708, in the treasurership of William Barnesley.

Receipts.

Money received towards the organ, from the gentlemen called to the bar, 18*li.*

Of Silvester, for the ground, etc., for several burials, 7*li.* 15*s.*

Of "Silvester Petyt, his brother's legacy to the society towards buying books for a library, 50*li.*"

Disbursements.

For the play acted on 1 Nov., 1707, in the hall [to Zach. Bagg, for the use of the players of the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane], 20*li.*

To Stafford, pavior, for work done between both Houses, 3*li.* 14*s.*

To the carpenters, the like, for work done about the church, 23*li.*

To the plasterers, for the like, 22*li.* 9*s.*

To the plumbers, for the like, 21*li.*

To the masons, for the like, 17*li.*

To the glazier, the proportion of this society, for work done at the church, 8*s.*

To Mrs. Elliott, a quarter's pension, 5*li.*

To Horne, the bricklayer, the proportion of this society, for work done about the Temple Church, 3*li.* 10*s.*

To the painters, for the like, 2*li.* 10*s.*

To Mrs. Newbury, Judge Morton's daughter, as a bounty of the House, 10*li.*

For the window tax, for one year, 12*li.*

To Cadwallader, badge porter, for lighting the lanthorns at the benchers' staircases last winter, 2*li.*

To the panierman in full, for wine spent by the masters of the bench in Michaelmas term last, 51*li.* 13*s.* 9*d.*

To Cordwell, carpenter, in part of his contract for building the new library, 50*li.*

To Horne, bricklayer, for the like, 40*li.*

To Sherlock, towards repairing and fitting up [the mansion house "set apart for my dwelling as master of the Temple, and I do hereby promise to put the said society to no more charge in or about the said house or its appurtenances, during the time I shall continue master of the Temple"], 40*li.*

To him, for a quarter's allowance ["due to me from the said society, for chambers and all other payments, formerly made to the masters of the Temple, and ending at Midsummer last"], 25*li.*

To the chief butler, a quarter's salary then due, 7*li.* 10*s.*, and for newspapers for the four last terms. In all, 9*li.* 3*s.*

To Rogers, for a large vellum book for the library, 6*li.* 5*s.*

To Mrs. Alcock [administratrix to her late husband], in full for carver's work, 7*li.*

To Daniel Delander, for the clock [standing in the room called the library, with an agreement to keep the same in repair during his life], 28*li.*

To Osmond, the plumber, towards plumber's work to be done about the new library, 20*li.*

Numerous payments, for nursing foundlings.

To Cook, the joiner, in part for wainscotting the new library, 100*li.*

To Morton and Fowler, in part for the brass branch candlestick, 25*li.*

To Mrs. Ball, a year's rent of Master Sherlock's house, 20*li.*

To Walthoe, for books [for the new library], 16*li.* 10*s.*

To Rogers, for the like, 18*li.*

To Mrs. Coggan, for the like, 18*li.*

To Took, for the like, 4*li.* 8*s.*

To Harper, for the like, 17*li.* 5*s.*

To Morton and Fowler, the remainder for the brass branch candlestick [hanging in the hall], 7*li.*

To the treasurer, his allowance as treasurer, 50*li.*

To Johnson, for his extraordinary care last vacation, 5*li.*

To J. Chartier, for twelve silver spoons and a silver cup and cover, 25*li.* 15*s.*

To Charles Gardner, for box edging, 11*li.*

To Stevens, for joiner's work done in his study, part of the Exchequer Office, 1*li.* 5*s.*

To Dodd, towards the repairs of his bench chamber, by order of the table, 10*li.*

To the master of the revels, in part of his allowance, 2*li.* 1*s.* 2*d.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements [for expenses at the Horn Tavern at the meeting of the two treasurers and Payne, about settling the bills for the church work done in Payne's treasurership, 9*s.* 6*d.*; Thomas Johnson's expenses in carrying a lewd woman to Bridewell, 2*s.*; for two bottles of wine for treating the organist, 4*s.*; to Robison for playing thrice on the organ, 1*li.* 12*s.* 3*d.*; for coach hire and waterage to Sir Christopher Wren's, 1*s.* 6*d.*; to Box's laundress for cleaning his chamber, much rubbish falling down his chimney, occasioned by the building of the library, 2*s.* 6*d.*; for copy of Petyt's will and duty, 12*s.* 6*d.*; to the joiner's men for drink at helping down of the pictures, 1*s.*; expenses upon the measurers that measured the work in the library, at the Horn Tavern, 9*s.*; to the gentlemen that brought the Queen's books at several times, in all, 4*li.* 6*s.*], 19*li.* 9*s.* 11*d.*

For 27 sermons, 54*li.*

Receipts, 2,439*li.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

Disbursements, 2,265*li.* 9*s.* 11*d.*

Balance, 173*li.* 11*s.* 5*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1707, Nov. 26.—A note of the glazier's bill of 16*s.* 7*d.*, for work done in the east windows of the Temple church.

1708, May 7.—An account of the House goods in the possession of John Clendon. Amongst the items are, a piece of tapestry hanging in the dining room next Figtree Court, "which I bought with part of the money, formerly allowed me towards the repair of my chambers," a desk, chairs, and a garden pot on the leads.

1708, June 23.—Memorandum drawn up by the steward setting

out what had previously been the practice of the House with regard to the payment of apparels for commons, etc.

1708, JUNE 23.—Hare's proposals to the bench about the office of the steward, and the terms according to which it should be undertaken by a fitting and able person.

1708, JUNE 23.—The proposals by Charke, the steward, as to providing commons and for payment of the same.

1708, JUNE 23.—Proposals about the office of steward and terms upon which it should be undertaken, by Samuel Trowell, junior.

1708, OCT. 27.—Consent by Richard Webb, one of the trustees and executors of the will of William Petyt, late treasurer of the Inner Temple, and keeper of her Majesty's records in the Tower of London, dated 12 July, 1705, that for the purpose of preserving the MSS. and printed books of law, history, antiquity, and parliamentary proceedings, and keeping them safe and entire for public use, to the intent and meaning of the said will, they shall for ever hereafter be deposited and kept in the lately erected library of the Inner Temple.

1708, NOV. 1.—Copy of a receipt by George Wheeler, subtreasurer, to Silvester Petyt, executor of the will of William Petyt, for the following books. In manuscript:—33 Parliament Rolls; 46 Journals of Parliament; 38 Records, being abstracts of proceedings, confirmations, and matters of state in several kings' reigns and parliaments, etc.; 14 De Pardonationibus, De moneta, Litera procur' cleri in Parliamento, Theatrum criminalium, vol. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, De Provisionibus papalibus, vol. 1 and 2, De creatione Nobilium in parliamento et extra, vol. 1 and 2, De cartis concessis civitatibus et burgis, vol. 1 and 2; 56 Proceedings in Parliament and Miscellanies, the particulars are abstracted; 6 Law common-place books; 7 Charters, privileges, coronations, etc.; 9 Placita, etc. Printed Books:—88 Law books, and 94 History books. All which are placed in the large new room built for a library.

1708, NOV. 11.—Bond by Samuel Trowell of the parish of St. James, Clerkenwell, to perform the office of steward of the Inner Temple for five years, according to his proposals, dated 23 June, 1708.

1708.—Mr. Hare's observations relating to commons.

1708.—Bond by John Dunster to indemnify the House against damage by building a cellar under his chamber.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances:—Baron Simpson, treasurer, 5; Richard Knapp, 6; John Clendon, 5; John Dalby, 5; John Holloway, 5; William Wright, 5; Nicholas Courtney, 4; John Tooker, 4; John Hales, 3; Edward Jennings, Q.C., 3; John Borret, 3; Ralph Hare, 3; William Barnesley, 2; Samuel Dodd, 2; Grimbald Paunceforth, 2; Robert Paine, 1; and Sir Gilbert Dolben, bart., 1.

1708.

Nov. 28.—Admittances to chambers.

1708-9.

Feb. 11.—Admittances to chambers and allowances to officers.[1]

1709.

May 22.—Ralph Hare chosen reader.

July 8.—Order that Edward Jones, the second butler, have a lease of the shops near the bog-houses.

Thomas Carthew, Thomas Trevor, Richard Brooks, Thomas Browne, Weyman Lee, Edward Chapman, John Harding, John Floyer, and Joseph Davey called to the bar.

Nov. 13.—Order that the vault made by Sir William Simpson in Figtree Court be added to the chamber late of Anthony Bowyer.

Nov. 20.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dodd and Tooker of the bench, and Tyrrell and Pengelly of the bar.

Treasurer:—John Dalby.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—

[1] At the end of this parliament is a note that "the act of parliament relating to the Library to be entered here."

Baron Simpson, treasurer, 24; Barnesley, 23; Hales, 22; Clendon, 21; Tooker, 20; Dalby, 19; W. Wright, 19; Courtney, 18; Borett, 18; Webb, 17; Knapp, 15; Holloway, 14; Payne, 13; Dodd, 12; Hare, 12; Jennings, 8; Paunceforth, 7; Farrer, 4; Sir Peter King, 3; Davis, 2; and G. Wright, 1.

1708.

Nov. 24, 26, and 27.—Orders that in consideration of the services of Charke, the late steward, and the loss he is like to be at for want of employment, that 40*li.* per annum be allowed him during the pleasure of the table; and that the pension to Elliot, the late gardener, be taken off.

Nov. 29.—Orders that Brereton Bourchier and Charles Bawdes be fined 20*li.* each for not reading respectively at Lyon's Inn and Clement's Inn; that the names of Bazil Feilding, Charles Morgan, Samuel Dalton, John Churchill, Anthony Ellesdon, and Henry Jones, be sent to Lyon's Inn; that the names of Hugh Ridgate, Robert Dalway, and William Hughs be sent to Clifford's Inn; and the names of John Dolben, Abel Bradley, and Henry Sawyer be sent to Clement's Inn, for choice of readers.

1708-9.

Jan. 26 and 28.—Orders as to viewing chambers, and that the draft of the act of parliament, prepared by Silvester Petyt, relating to the books, etc., given by William Petyt, his late brother, deceased, be agreed to and be put in the paper to pass at the next parliament.

Feb. 7, 8, and 9.—Orders for viewing chambers; that Charles Pulteney's chamber be viewed, to see how much he is damnified by building the new library; and that the petition of the cook be referred to the Friday committee.

Feb. 11 and 12.—Order upon the report that Poulteney's chamber is damnified by the building of the library, that he be allowed five guineas in recompense; that Dunstan have leave to dig a cellar, as desired; that Bourcher upon paying his fine for not reading and all arrears, have his bond delivered up; and that Wheeler have leave to padlock up his chamber, his tenement there being much in arrear for rent.

1709.

MAY 19 and 20.—Orders that the gentlemen of the bar and under the bar have leave to come into the hall on the north side before dinner in summer time, but not higher in the hall than the upper end of the lower bar table; and as to chambers.

MAY 21.—Order that every master of the bench having a bench chamber be obliged to pay the commons and other duties chargeable upon such chamber yearly, and upon failure, the said chamber to be seized into the hands of the House till all be paid.

MAY 27 and 28.—Orders that the petition of Edward Jones, second butler, for a further term in the shop, formerly granted to Clark, and the petition of Elizabeth Elliott for the bounty of the House be referred to the Friday committee; that Elizabeth Elliott have 10*li.* to place her out to apprentice; that all the garret chambers in the hands of the House may be sold to gentlemen in the same staircase to be consolidated to their chambers.

JUNE 4.—Order that "Samuel Carter be library keeper of this society, upon such conditions, and giving such security for the faithful discharge of his said office as shall be thought reasonable by a committee to be appointed by the table to consider of that matter, and that the said Mr. Carter be allowed a salary of twenty [pounds] per annum, payable half yearly."

JULY 1.—Upon reading the petition of William Watkins for leave to arrest Henry Rawser, barber, it is ordered that notice be given to Rawser of the petition, and if he does not pay the petitioner before this day sennight, he shall be turned out of the House.

JULY 2, 5, 6, 7, and 8.—Orders as to viewing chambers; that Jones, the second butler, have a lease of the shop formerly granted to William Clark, for twenty-one years; and nomination of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 8 July.

JULY 12 and 13.—Orders as to chambers, and that the society continue no longer in commons.

OCT. 24.—Order that notice be given to every master of the bench that he will please to be at the table on Wednesday, to consider of some extraordinary business.

OCT. 26.—Orders that Samuel Carter, the library keeper, give two securities in the penalty of 1000*li.* for the true performance of

his office; that the library keeper attend in the library from Lady day to Michaelmas from 9 a.m. to 12, and from 3 p.m. till 6 p.m., and from Michaelmas till Lady day, from 10 a.m. till 12, and from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m.; that there be a public grand day, and that the manner of the entertainment be left to the treasurer; that Jennings and Courtney invite the master of the Rolls and judges; and that Paunceforth and Holloway invite the serjeants.

Nov. 12 and 18.—Orders for viewing chambers.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 21 November, 1708, to 20 November, 1709, in the treasurership of Sir William Simpson.

Receipts.

Money received towards the organ, from the gentlemen called to the bar, 18*li.*

Of Webb, towards the bounty given Mrs. Newbury, in lieu of his treat, 7*li.*

Of the treasurer, received by him of Silvester Petyt, executor of his brother William Petyt, deceased, towards building the new library, 150*li.*

Of Silvester, the clerk, for ground for burials, 3*li.*

Disbursements.

To Warne, the painter, 15*li.*

To Charles Gardiner, towards loss sustained by his plants being stolen, 5*li.*

To Charles Pulteney, for the damage he sustained by the building of the new library, 5*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

To Mrs. Smith, executrix of Smith, the organ-maker, for two years' salary for tuning the organ, 20*li.*

For hangings that were left in Berisford's chamber at his death, to his executrix, 1*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

To the panierman, for wine spent by the masters of the bench in Michaelmas term, 61*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

To Squire, half a year's wages due at Lady day, for his care of the library and green house, 5*li.*

For one year's assessment, for windows, 12*li.*

To Gould, for measuring the several works of the new library and valuing the said works, 5*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

To Tompion, for three years' repairs of the Temple clock, 3*li.*

To Fowler, for repairs to the flower pots and care of the fountain, 3*li.*

To Shrider, for a year's salary for tuning and cleaning the organ, 10*li.*

For half a year's rent for the New River Water, 2*li.*

To Worrell, for clothes and taking Elizabeth Elliott, the late gardener's daughter, as an apprentice, 5*li.*

To Mrs. Alcock in part of her bill for carver's work, 5*li.*

To Charles Gardner, for yews and turning the walks, etc., 5*li.* 5*s.*

To [James Thornhill (24 Aug.), "in part of my contract for the picture to be placed at the upper end of the hall"], 45*li.*

To him more (17 Sept.), being in full for the picture, frame, etc., 25*li.*

To Walton, for cleaning and varnishing the old pictures in the hall [King William's, Queen Mary's, and the two judges' pictures], 4*li.*

To Howard, for lining the [large] new picture in the hall and frames for the judges' pictures, etc., 4*li.*

To Fowler, for water works, etc., for the fountain in the bencher's garden, 8*li.* 15*s.*

To Silvester, for disbursements about the church, 1*li.* 16*s.*

To Morton, for cleaning the brass sconce in the hall, 1*li.*

To the under-treasurer, his bill of disbursements, 11*li.* 3*s.* 2*d.*

To Niccoleni, for singing on the public grand day, being 1 Nov., 1709, 21*li.* 10*s.*

For twenty seven sermons, 54*li.*

Receipts, 1640*li.* 19*s.* 5*d.*

Disbursements, 1654*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

Balance to under-treasurer, 13*li.* 10*s.* 1*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1709, MAY 2.—Authority by Sir William Simpson to George Wheeler, under-treasurer, to give a receipt for the remainder of the books and manuscripts, lately belonging to William Petyt.

1704, JUNE 28.—Bond by Peter Worrell, citizen and glover of London, to take Elizabeth Elliott as his apprentice for seven years.

1709.—Form of bond given by the library keeper of the Middle Temple.

[1709].—Act of Parliament made in the treasurership of Sir William Simpson. "Whereas William Petyt, esq., heretofore treasurer of this society of the Inner Temple and late keeper of her Majesty's records in the Tower of London, having collected a great number of books of law and history, antiquity and parliamentary proceedings, did, the twelfth day of July in the fourth year of her now Majesty's reign, *annoque Domini* 1705, make his last will and testament in writing and therein and thereby among other things did give and devise the said books of law, history, and antiquity and parliamentary proceedings (which cost him many years' pains and study and stood him in much charge in collecting) to Joseph Offley, esq., Richard Webb, esq., Humphrey Hetherington, esq., John Anstis, esq., John Chamberlaine, esq., and his brother, Silvester Petyt, his trustees, in trust and to the intent and purpose that they would use their utmost endeavours for preserving and keeping them safe and entire for public use in such place or places as they, or the major part of them, or the survivor or survivors of them, from time to time should appoint, and not to suffer or permit them to be embezzled or sold; for which purpose he did give one hundred and fifty pounds to buy or build a place and making it convenient for

William Petyt
Treasurer I. T. 1701.
Keeper of the Records at the Tower
from the original painting in the Inner Temple.

preserving and keeping them, which is to be settled upon his trustees or the survivors of them, or the heirs of the survivor of them in fee simple in trust, for the purpose aforesaid, and in and by his said will he did earnestly desire his trustees that they would in convenient time after his decease (in justice to truth and his memory) procure such of his manuscripts, as they should think fit, to be printed, to remain for public use to posterity. And in and by his said will he did give to the honourable society of the Middle Temple fifty pounds to be laid out by his executor to buy books, for augmenting their library, and he did give to this honourable society of the Inner Temple, fifty pounds, to be laid out for buying books, towards a library, here to be erected, and of his said will did make his said brother executor, who hath proved the same. And whereas application hath been made by several persons to the said trustees touching the disposing of and placing the said books in several places out of this society. And whereas several members of this society have desired the said books may be placed here and for that the said William Petyt in his life time when keeper of the said records in the said Tower of London, did invite many students in the law to go to the Tower to search and see the records there and take out of them what notes or abstracts they pleased, gratis, it was proposed by the trustees to such of the members of this society who desired that the said books might be placed here, that if this society would provide a place for a library for placing the said books and preserving the same for public use to all the purposes as mentioned, in and according to the true intent and meaning of the said will, that then the said trustees would consent that the said books should be placed in this society in such place which by this society should be provided for a library. And the said Sylvester Petyt would pay unto this society or such person or persons as this society should appoint, the said sum of one hundred and fifty pounds, given by the said will to buy or build a place for preserving and keeping the said books, which said members of this society did assure the said trustees that the said proposal would be very gratefully accepted by this society and performed in all its parts according to the true intent and meaning thereof and of the said will; and in pursuance thereof this society, at the proper costs and charges of this society for the purpose aforesaid, hath erected and built a very spacious and handsome room, wherein

several of the said books are already placed and wherein the remainder of the said books and other the books which shall by this society be bought with the said fifty pounds, given as aforesaid, are to be placed, it is at this present parliament ordered that the thanks of this society shall, by the treasurer of this society, be given to the said trustees for their kindness and favour in consenting to and permitting the said books to be placed within the society, and it is enacted that when the said books shall be placed in the said library the same shall be preserved and kept safe and entire for public use, to all intents and purposes and according to the true intent and meaning of the said will, and that the said trustees or any of them or any person or persons employed by them or the major part of them, shall and may from time to time and at all times hereafter take copies or make abstracts of such of the said manuscripts, as they shall think fit, in order to be printed, to remain for public use to posterity, according to the directions and true intent and meaning of the said will. And it is further ordered that any of the said trustees shall from time to time upon request made to the library keeper, receive out of the said library at once, any one of the said manuscript books which he shall desire to have, upon the receipt whereof he shall give a note to the library keeper to return and redeliver the same safe and entire within two months after the receipt thereof into the said library, to be placed there, which the said library keeper shall deliver the same upon giving such note.[1] Provided that none of the said trustees shall have above one book at a time, and until such book be delivered into and placed in the library such trustee shall not have another, and upon the redelivering of such books, the library keeper shall deliver up the notes given for the delivery of such books respectively. And as to the payment of the said one hundred and fifty pounds, it is desired and hereby appointed that the same be paid to Sir William Simpson, treasurer of this society, who, upon the payment thereof to him, shall give such a receipt for the same in such manner as the said Silvester Petyt shall think fit to direct, and it is further ordered that each of the said trustees shall have a copy hereof attested by the treasurer."

[1] So in original MS.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: JOHN DALBY, treasurer, 7; JOHN HOLLOWAY, 7; JOHN TOOKER, 7; NICHOLAS COURTNEY, 6; WILLIAM WRIGHT, 6; JOHN CLENDON, 5; RICHARD KNAPP, 5; SAMUEL DODD, 4; JOHN HALES, 3; JOHN BORRET, 3; WILLIAM BARNESLEY, 2; RICHARD WEBB, 1; ROBERT PAINE, 1; MATTHEW DAVIS, 1; EDWARD JENNINGS, Q.C., 1; GRIMBALD PAUNCEFORTH, 1; and SIR GILBERT DOLBEN, Bart., 1.

1709.

NOV. 27.—Special admissions of Martin Wright, son and heir apparent of William Wright, a bencher, at the request of his father; and of George Knapp, son and heir apparent of Richard Knapp, a bencher, at the request of his father.

1709-10.

JAN. 29 and FEB. 12.—Admittances to chambers.

1710.

MAY 7.—Grimbald Pauncefort chosen reader.

MAY 10.—Thomas Pengelly (being called to the degree of serjeant-at-law) is called to the bench.

JUNE 26.—Special admission of John Finch, second son of Heneage, Lord Finch, Baron of Guernsey, a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Arthur Slingsby, Philip Ward, Samuel Trottman, Thomas Cowslade, Hugh Hamersley, Edmond Bickford, Thomas Abnett, Richard Dawes, Maurice Johnson, Thomas Brooke, John Borrett, and Robert Morton called to the bar.

NOV. 12.—Grimbald Paunceforth continued reader.

Order that Thomas Lutwich, Q.C., be called to the bench on payment of 100*li.*, and to take his place in the House accordingly, but not to have any privilege of election of bench chamber or of

being chosen treasurer or otherwise, but in his seniority only of being called to the bench.

Simon Harcourt, son and heir apparent of Sir Simon Harcourt, knt., lord keeper of the Great Seal, is called to the bar.

Special admission of William Wright, youngest son of Sir Nathan Wright, late lord keeper of the Great Seal, formerly a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Nov. 19.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Dodd and Tooker, of the bench, and Tyrrell and Trevor of the bar.

Treasurer :—Richard Webb.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year with the number of their attendances :—John Dalby, treasurer, 28 ; Barnesley, 26 ; Clendon, 25 ; Tooker, 25 ; Holloway, 22 ; Payne, 22 ; Courtney, 21 ; Dodd, 20 ; W. Wright, 19 ; Borrett, 18 ; Hales, 17 ; Knapp, 15 ; G. Wright, 12; Jennings, 10 ; Paunceforth, 10 ; Simpson, 9 ; Webb, 8 ; Sir Gilbert Dolben, 4 ; Lutwich, 1 ; and Davis, 1.

1709.

Nov. 25.—Orders that Robert Dalway, John Dolben, and Anthony Ellesden be fined 20*li.* each for not reading respectively at Clifford's Inn, Clement's Inn, and Lyon's Inn.

Nov. 26.—Orders that the names of Samuel Dalton, Thomas Price, and William Hughes be sent to Clifford's Inn, that the names of Abel Bradley, Henry Sawyer, John Herring, George Selby, Tobiah Harvey, and Thomas Caldicott be sent to Lyon's Inn, and the names of Nathaniel Axtell, Richard Edwards, and John Smith be sent to Clement's Inn for the choice of readers.

1709-10.

Jan. 27 and 28.—Orders for viewing chambers and payment of commons.

Feb. 7 and 8.—Orders that Aris, at his request, be discharged

from the office of master of the revels, and that he have the thanks of the House for his good service in his said office; and that Stephen Clay be elected master of the revels.

Feb. 9.—Orders that Thomas Carter be accepted as a sufficient security for his father, Samuel Carter, esq., the library keeper; and the question being put whether the masters of the bench should have keys of the library or not, that every master have a key of the new library.

Feb. 10.—Order that Trowell, the steward, on his petition setting forth the dearness of provisions, be abated 50*li.* of what he ought to have paid the society last year; that the petitions of Knight and William Cook be referred to the Friday committee, that George Seeley's petition be referred to the treasurer; and that arrears for commons be paid.

Feb. 11.—Order that the treasurer and others be a committee to consider and settle the order and method of performing the exercise of the House, of keeping public grand days, and likewise the ceremonies and orders used and to be observed on calls of serjeants; and that the chief cook's salary be made up from two marks to ten pounds a year.

1710.

May 2, 3, 4, and 5.—Orders as to viewing chambers.

May 9 and 10.—Order on the motion of Courtney that John Anstis, son of Anstis, one of the executors of William Petyt, be put in the paper for the parliament to be specially admitted, gratis.

June 14 and 16.—Orders for the payment of commons, and as to raising the roof of Sparke's shed.

June 20.—"On a motion being made and question put whether an order should be made against benchers having more than one son admitted gratis, it passed in the negative."

June 21, 22, and 23.—Orders for viewing chambers and nominations of those called to the bar at the parliament held on June 26.

Oct. 26.—Orders that there be a public grand day this term and that Courtney, Payne, and Barnesley invite the lord keeper, the master of the Rolls, and the judges; and that Paunceforth and Holloway invite the serjeants.

Nov. 6 and 8.—Orders that the masters of the bench have

notice to be at the table on Friday next, in order to call Lutwitch to the bench.

Nov. 9.—Orders that "such allowances as are to be for repairs of bench chambers, for the future be paid by the under-treasurer to the respective workmen concerned therein, and the same to be allowed in his accounts."

Nov. 10 and 11.—Orders for the call to the bench of Thomas Lutwich; for viewing a chamber; and for payment of commons.

Nov. 14 and 16.—Order that Carter, the library keeper, deliver to Anstis the two first volumes of her Majesty's books, given to this society, there being in the library duplicates thereof.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 16 November, 1709, to 19 November, 1710, in the the treasurership of John Dalby.

RECEIPTS.

Of Day, a year's rent due for his shop under the church, 8*li.*

Of Allen, a year's rent for the like, 7*li.*

Of Giles Clarke, a year's rent for Lyon's Inn and two tenements adjoining, after allowance of 1*li.* 10*s.* for taxes, 6*li.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

Of Grafton, a year's rent for his shop in Temple Lane, 5*li.*

Of Thornton, a year's rent for his shop at the Temple Gate, 2*li.*

Of Hargrave, a year's rent for his lights into Hare Court, and enlarging two windows next the Temple Lane, 8*s.* 8*d.*

Of the Fountain Tavern, a year's rent for the lights into the Temple Lane, 2*s.* 6*d.*

Money received towards the organ, from the gentlemen called to the bar, 24*li.*

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Van Strauten, for two sashes, etc., for the windows at the upper end of the bench table, 1*li.*

To Cook, the proportion of this society for joiner's work in the organ gallery, 15*s.*

To [John Miles], for the play [called "The Busybody," acted in the hall on 1 Nov., 1709, for the use of the players of the Haymarket], 20*li.*

To the city butler, for the use of plate, linen, etc., used in the hall on the public grand day, 5*li.*

To Mrs. [Mary] Alcock, the remainder and in full of her bill for carver's work, 8*li.*

To Room, for the use of twelve double silver sconces on the three last public grand days, 1*li.* 10*s.*

To Fowler, for a copper cherry-tree for the fountain, 3*li.*

Numerous items, for nursing foundlings.

To Waldron, for three poles and brush for the church, 1*li.* 9*s.* 6*d.*

To Cook, the joiner, the proportion of this society for the new gates leading into the churchyard and all works, 2*li.* 17*s.*

To Jackson, the reader, half a year's salary, 10*li.*

To Chark, his bill for law charges [in defence of Dry, the porter, being arrested at the suit of one Tyler for doing his duty in the service of the House], 3*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

To Piggott, the organist, a quarter's salary, 6*li.* 5*s.*

To Shrider, a year's salary for cleaning and tuning the organ, 10*li.*

To Sherlock, a quarter's payment, 25*li.*

To Cordwell, the carpenter, in part of his bills, 100*li.*

To Stevens, for new painting the alcove in the benchers' garden, 3*li.*

To Stanton, the proportion of this House for mason's work in the Rounds, 1*li.* 8*s.*

To Coles, for repairing the engine, 8*li.*

To Robinson, for a chimney glass and sconces for the greenhouse, 6*li.* 6*s.* 6*d.*

To Hazard, for stamping the books in the library, Dr. Sacheverell's trial, and Acts of last session, etc., 8*li.*

For a table for the greenhouse, 13*s.*

To Edward Williams, for the music and trumpet on 24 June [being a private grand day], 2*li.* 10*s.*

For the lamps last winter, 40*li.*

To Carter, the library keeper, 5*li.*

To Squire, for half a year's care of the library and greenhouse, 5*li.*

To Hazard, for eight common prayer books, 6*li.* 5*s.*

To Mrs. Ball, a year's rent for Mr. Sherlock's house, 20*li.*

To Williams, for five supernumerary musicians on the last public grand day, 2*li.* 13*s.*

For the play acted in the hall on 1 Nov., 1710 [to John Miles to the use of the players of the playhouse in Drury Lane], 20*li.*

To Buckingham, the moiety of his bill for mason's work done at the Bridge, between both Houses, 1*li.* 19*s.*

To Spark [for a brass hearth, with creepers, tongs, shovel, bellows, brass pins, candlesticks, and snuffers], 6*li.*

To Mrs. Alcock, for carving work, 1*li.* 3*s.*

To James Barnard, an old servant of the House, that lies sick, 2*li.*

To Serjeant Pengelly, 10*li.* and a purse, 1*s.*

Receipts, 1,865*li.* 11*s.* 7*d.*

Disbursements, 1,918*li.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

Due to the under-treasurer with allowances, 66*li.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances:—Richard Webbe, treasurer, 7; Nicholas Courtney, 7; John Dalby, 7; John Holloway, 7; William Wright, 6; Richard Knapp, 6; John Tooker, 4; John Clendon, 3; John Hales, 3; William Barnesley, 2; Robert Paine, 2; Matthew Davis, 2; Francis Browne, 2; William Farrer, 1; Samuel Dodd, 1; and Sir Gilbert Dolben, bart., 1.

1710-11.

Jan. 28.—Special admission of John Wright, second son of William Wright, a bencher, at the request of his father.

Feb. 11.—Special admissions of James Hales, nephew to John Hales, a bencher, at the request of his uncle; and of John Dalby, nephew to John Dalby, a bencher, at the request of his uncle.

Robert Pauncefort and Charles Talbot called to the bar.

1711.

APRIL 29.—Pensions for the half year assessed double.

Richard Knapp chosen reader for the summer vacation.

MAY 13.—Admittances to chambers.

JUNE 17.—John Ward, Q.C., called to the bench on payment of 100*li.*, but not to have any privilege of election of bench chamber or of being treasurer, except by seniority of his call.

Samuel Westwood, Charles Martin, William Newland, Cæsar Colclough, Ralph Bolton, David Lloyd, Ezekiah Cox, Richard Potenger, Thomas Venables, William Coleman, and Clement Weargare called to the bar.

NOV. 11.—Richard Knapp continued reader.

Special admissions of John Ward, son and heir apparent of John Ward, Q.C., a bencher, at the request of his father; of John Davies, second son of Manwaring Davies, a bencher, at the request of his father; and of Edward Lutwych, son and heir apparent of Thomas Lutwych, Q.C., a bencher, at the request of his father.

NOV. 18.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dodd and Tooker, of the bench, and Tyrrell and Trevor, of the bar.

Treasurer:—William Farrer.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—RICHARD WEBB, treasurer, 22; BARNESLEY, 17; HOLLOWAY, 16; W. WRIGHT, 15; DALBY, 14; CLENDON, 13; HALES, 13; KNAPP, 12; COURTNEY, 12; TOOKER, 10; BORRETT, 10; SIMPSON, 8; G. WRIGHT, 8; PAYNE, 8; PAUNCEFORTH, 8; DODD, 6; JENNINGS, 4; FARRER, 3; WARD, 2; SIR GILBERT DOLBEN, 2; LUTWICH, 1; and DAVIS, 1.

1710.

NOV. 21.—Order that it be referred to Clendon and others to consider of the making of a pump in Figtree Court.

NOV. 25.—Order for the repair of Savage's chamber at the

charge of the House, and that the padlock be not taken off till those repairs and all duties be paid; that Lucye's chamber be padlocked; that Richard Edwards and William Hughes be fined each 20*li.* for not reading at Clement's Inn and Clifford's Inn, respectively; that the names of Nathaniel Axtell, John Smith, and Thomas Chapman be sent to Clifford's Inn, the names of Henry Box, William Smith, and Thomas Dunster be sent to Clement's Inn, and the names of Samuel Dalton, Thomas Price, Abel Bradley, Henry Sawyer, George Selby and Tobiah Harvey be sent to Lyon's Inn for the choice of readers.

1710-11.

JAN. 26 and 31.—Orders as to chambers and the addition of certain members to the committee touching the pump in Figtree Court.

FEB. 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10.—Orders that Charles Talbot, eldest son of the Bishop of Oxford, and Robert Paunceforth, eldest son of Grimbald Paunceforth, be put in the paper for call to the bar; as to altering the head of Baron Simpson's vault; upon the petition of Trowell, the steward, setting forth the dearness of provisions, that he be abated 100*li.* of what he ought to have paid to the society for last year; that John Legg, a decayed barrister, on his petition, be paid 10*li.*; that widow Seeley be allowed 2*s.* 6*d.* per week till further order; and that the Crown Office Buildings be repaired as soon as possible.

1711.

APRIL 27.—Orders for viewing chambers.

MAY 2, 11, and 12.—Orders for the payment of commons and duties; that William Silvester, on his petition, have the place of sexton, vacant by the death of John Blyth; and that the chamber, lately fallen to the House by the death of Charles Whitaker, be sold for the best price that can be got, but not for less than 30*li.*

JUNE 4, 8, and 12.—Orders for the payment of commons, and that chambers be padlocked on account of the non-payment of the same; and that notice be given of the call of John Ward to the bench.

JUNE 13, 15, and 16.—Orders for the names of those called to

the bar at the parliament held on 17 June be put into the paper for a call; that John Ward, Q.C., be called to the bench in the same manner as the queen's counsel, lately called; and that the certificate for the removal of David Lloyd to Gray's Inn be considered on Tuesday.

Nov. 6, 8, and 16.—Orders for the viewing of chambers and the admission of those specially admitted at the parliament held on 11 Nov.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 19 November, 1710, to 18 November, 1711, in the treasurership of Richard Webb.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Hazard, for eight common prayer books, large paper, and psalms, ruled and gilt, 12*li.*

For cloth, materials, and making the porter's gown, 6*li.* 3*s.*

To the widow of George Seely, for the charge of burying her husband and towards her support, 2*li.*

To Johnson, for candles for the benchers' staircases, news, etc., 3*li.* 0*s.* 8*d.*

To Fowler, for branches for the cherry tree in the benchers' garden, gilding the horse [and painting the tree], 1*li.* 15*s.*

To the master of the music, for playing when Nicoleni sung in the hall on 1 Nov., 1709, 4*li.* 6*s.*

For six stoves for the kitchen, 1*li.* 15*s.*

To Squire, half a year's allowance for cleaning the two libraries and greenhouse, 6*li.* 10*s.*

To Carter, the library keeper, towards his salary, 5*li.*

Receipts, 1,375*li.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

Disbursements, 1,493*li.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

Due to the under-treasurer, 118*li.* 2*s.* 1*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1711.—An inventory of the goods in the chambers late of Charles Wycks. The chamber appears to have consisted of a dining room, containing a looking glass, curtains, two tables, eight chairs, etc.; a bed chamber, containing a bedstead, bedding, and a chair; a study, containing curtains, a chair, and a nest for papers; and a little dark room in the passage, containing a bedstead and bedding for a servant.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliaments during the year, with the number of their attendances: William Farrer, treasurer, 6; John Clendon, 6; John Dalby, 5; William Wright, 5; Richard Knapp, 5; John Tooker, 5; John Hales, 4; John Holloway, 4; Nicholas Courtney, 3; Samuel Dodd, 3; William Barnesley, 1; Richard Webb, 1; Robert Paine, 1; Edward Jennings, Q.C., 1; and Sir Gilbert Dolben, Bart., 1.

1711.

Nov. 25.—Admittance of Samuel Walkey to a chamber.

1711-12.

Feb. 12.—Admittances to chambers and allowances to officers.

1712.

June 1.—John Holloway chosen reader for the summer vacation.

July 6.—Richard Lloyd, Richard Levett, Samuel Walkey, John Pocklington, Stephen Holme, Richard Lardner, James Samson, William Jones, Shilston Calmady, Thomas Mansfield, Francis Browne, and John Wright called to the bar, and John Smith called an associate to the bar.

Nov. 9.—John Holloway continued reader.

Special admission of John Trevor, second son of Thomas, Lord Trevor, Baron of Bromham, lord chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas, and late a master of the bench, at the request of his father.

Nov. 16.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Dodd and Tooker, of the bench, and Tyrrell and Trevor of the bar.

Treasurer:—Samuel Dodd.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances:—

WILLIAM FARRER, treasurer, 17; CLENDON, 18; HOLLOWAY, 16; W. WRIGHT, 13; BORETT, 13; TOOKER, 12; HALES, 12; BARNESLEY, 12; DALBY, 11; WEBB, 11; PAYNE, 10; COURTNEY, 9; DODD, 8; KNAPP, 7; SIMPSON, 6; G. WRIGHT, 5; PAUNCEFORTH, 5; WARD, 3; SIR PETER KING, 2; JENNINGS, 2; LUTWICH, 1; and DAVIS, 1.

1711.

NOV. 19.—Order that copies of the paper relating to the term exercise be delivered to the masters of the bench now in commons, and the matter be taken into consideration by the Friday committee.

NOV. 22 and 24.—Orders as to Robert Harvey's title to a chamber next door to the north door of the hall, over the new cloister, with a cellar belonging thereto; that Tobiah Harvey, having by his deputy performed the office of reader for Lyon's Inn, be discharged thereof, and at his request he be discharged from the society; that John Smith and Henry Box be fined 20*li.* each, for not reading at Clifford's Inn and Clement's Inn respectively; that the names of the following gentlemen be sent to the Inns of Chancery for the election therefrom of readers:—Clifford's Inn, Charles Morgan, Samuel Dalton, and Henry Sawyer; Clement's Inn, William Smith, Thomas Dunster, and George Sawyer; and Lyon's Inn, James Woodhouse, William Woodward, William Hanbury, Maurice Kellett, John Trenchard, and Henry Stevens.

Orders that all laundresses and others that empty close stools, etc., carry the same to the pump at the bog houses, and that no ashes or other noisome matter be laid in any of the courts, passages, or places about this House, but that the same be carried to the laystall belonging to this society. Further that no laundress or other person presume to empty out of any window any chamber pot, basin, or other thing, and that every person offending against this order shall forfeit 40*s.*, according to the ancient usage of this House, and that any servant of this House or other person that shall discover any offender herein, shall be rewarded by the treasurer. And this order to be screened up in the hall and put up at the pumps belonging to this society.

1711-12.

JAN. 29.—Order as to viewing a chamber.

FEB. 4 and 8.—Orders as to chambers and the payment of

commons; that the steward's petition be referred to Barnesley and others; that the petition of the two cooks be referred to the Friday committee; and that the arrears owing to William Charke, executor of his father, late steward, be collected.

FEB. 9.—"Whereas, according to the ancient usage of this House, those who have actually performed the exercise called the imparlance have sometimes been amerced for the non-performance thereof, and also that those who do actually attend the performance of the said exercise are, for want of number, equally amerciable with those that are absent, which hath been thought a discouragement to gentlemen being in commons and taking up the said exercise. The masters of the bench having taken this matter into consideration, and being more desirous to have the exercise performed than the non-performance punished, have thought fit to order and do hereby order as followeth, viz.:—

"1. That no gentleman under the bar that shall have duly performed the said exercise for any one term, shall from thenceforth be amerced for any future non-performance thereof.

"2. That no gentleman at the bar that hath duly performed the said exercise for any one term, shall from thenceforth be amerced for any future non-performance thereof.

"3. That no gentleman at the bar or under the bar that is present and attends the performance of the said exercise, shall be amerced for want of number, but those only that are absent shall be amerced, whether of the bar or under the bar, respectively, according as the failure is on the one part or on the other.

"Provided that nothing in this order contained shall be construed to excuse the masters of the bar mess, when the exercise is tendered by the gentlemen under the bar and taken up by the bar, from any default of going down into the Rounds, or about breaking the case there, or giving due commencement to the said exercise, according to the usage of the House.

"Provided also that nothing herein contained be construed to excuse any gentleman of the bar or under the bar, who shall have actually performed the said exercise, from his attendance upon the performance thereof by others, according to the usage of the House in such manner, as if this order had not been made.

"Lastly that it may not be in the power of the bar, by their

default, to prevent the gentlemen under the bar from the benefit of this exercise, it is further ordered that in case the exercise be taken up in due time by the gentlemen under the bar, and they continue to tender during the terms, and the exercise be not taken up by the bar, or if it be taken up by the bar, and they make default, and there be no default or failure on the part of the gentlemen under the bar, this shall be allowed to such gentlemen under the bar for an exercise duly performed."

Orders that no brass, pewter, copper, iron, or tin vessels, dishes, or plates be carried from the hall, buttery, or kitchen.

FEB. 11.—Order for viewing Newnham's chamber.

1712.

MAY 13, 28, and 30.—Orders that John Roll, having paid his duties, be discharged from this society and his bond delivered up; and that certain chambers be viewed.

JUNE 23 and 30.—Orders that certain chambers be viewed and others padlocked; and that the names of those called to the bar at the parliament held on 6 July, be put into the paper for a call.

JULY 4 and 5.—Orders for certain chambers to be viewed; and that Richard Lloyd and the others called on 6 July be called to the bar.

NOV. 4, 7, 10, 13, and 15.—Orders that certain chambers be viewed and others padlocked; that the arrears of commons be paid; and that inquiry be made as to the improvement of the Crown Office Buildings.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

ACCOUNT from 18 November, 1711, to 16 November, 1712, in the treasurership of William Farrer.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Mary Williams, for nursing Bertha Temple, 2*li.* 10*s.*, and many other like entries.

For the charge of burying James Barnard, an old servant of the House, and the relief of his widow, 2*li.*

To the proprietors of the Conic Lights for their lamps last winter, 40*li.*

To William Farrer, his allowance as treasurer, 50*li.*

For a year's rent of the New River water, 4*li.*

To Mrs. Ball, a year's rent for Mr. Sherlock's house, 20*li.*

Receipts, 1,750*li.* 18*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements, 1,823*li.* 6*s.* 7*d.*

Due to the under-treasurer, 72*li.* 8*s.* 1*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1712, Nov. 1.—A list of gentlemen sewers and waiters.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliament during the year, with the number of their attendances:—Samuel Dodd, treasurer, 5; John Dalby, 7; John Clendon, 6; Richard Knapp, 6; John Holloway, 5; Nicholas Courtney, 4 (once as deputy treasurer); Charles Pulteney, 4; William Wright, 4; John Tooker, 3; William Barnesley, 2; Richard Webbe, 2; John Hales, 1; Edward Jennings, Q.C., deputy treasurer, 1; Baron Simpson, 1; and George Wright, 1.

1712.

Nov. 23.—Admittances to chambers.

1712-13.

Feb. 8.—Henry Sawyer, Richard Edwards, Henry Box, and Francis Annesley called to the bench.

1713.

May 27.—William Wright chosen reader for the summer vacation.

Charles Pulteney and Francis Page called to the bench.

Special admission of Braborne Grove, son of Serjeant Grove, late a bencher, at the request of his father.

June 21.—Robert Keck, Gibbons Bagnall, Robert Lucas, Edmond Sawyer, John Hoo, Dennis Payne, Thomas Abney, Thomas Bridges, Richard Waller, Thomas Bootle, Henry Gollopp, John Whistler, William Lloyd, and Robert Martyn called to the bar.

June 25.—Order that no more concurrent lives be moved for, without a precedent act of parliament.

Parliament adjourned till Saturday next at 2 p.m.

Nov. 8.—William Wright continued reader.

Nov. 15.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts:—Tooker and Box, of the bench, and Tyrrell and Trevor, of the bar,

Treasurer:—George Wright.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year with the number of their attendances :—Samuel Dodd, treasurer, 20; Clendon, 20; Holloway, 18; Barnesley, 18; Borrett, 18; Hales, 15; Payne, 15; Simpson, 14; W. Wright, 14; Knapp, 12; Webb, 11; Courtney, 9; Dalby, 9; Tooker, 9; Paunceforth, 8; Jennings, 7; G. Wright, 6; Pultney, 6; Farrer, 5; Box, 5; Lutwich, 3; Ward, 3; Sir Gilbert Dolben, 2; and Annesley, 2.

1712.

Nov. 22 and 24.—Orders for the viewing of chambers; that Samuel Dalton be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Clifford's Inn; that William Smith and William Woodward, having read respectively at Clement's Inn and Lyon's Inn, and paid all duties, be discharged; and that the names of the following gentlemen be sent to the Inns of Chancery for electing a reader for the ensuing year :—Clifford's Inn, Charles Morgan, Henry Sawyer, and Edward Noell; Clement's Inn, Thomas Dunster, George Sawyer, and Charles Ventris; and Lyon's Inn, James Woodhouse, William Hanbury, Maurice Kellett, John Trenchard, Henry Stevenson and Richard Graham.

1712-13.

Jan. 26.—Orders that there be a public grand day this term, and that Jennings and Lutwich invite my Lord Keeper, the Master of the Rolls, and the judges, and that Paunceforth and Tooker invite the serjeants; that the orders lately made for enforcing the payment of commons be renewed; and that the salary of Carter, the library keeper, commence from Michaelmas, 1709, being the time he had the key of the library delivered to him.

Jan. 27 and 29.—Orders that all business be done in the grand weeks of each issuable term in like manner as in other weeks in a full term; and that Sawyer, Edwards, Box, and Annesley be called to the bench.

Feb. 5 and 7.—Orders that this House will sell concurrent lives to any that desire to purchase, so as the same be done before the last

parliament in Easter term next, and the contract made and fine set at the bench table; that the masters of the bench, the masters of the bar, and gentlemen under the bar who shall desire to exceed on Saturdays at dinner, may so do and bespeak such exceedings, either in fish or flesh, as they shall think fit, paying for the same, but the same to be eaten after the usual commons of the House for that day are served out.

1713.

April 27.—Orders for viewing chambers.

May 4.—Orders for padlocking and viewing chambers; and that the workmen open and view the shore coming from Mitre Court and amend the same.

May 5.—The Peace proclaimed.—Order that in respect of the day, the exercise be dispensed with for this night; and that the gentlemen called to the table and not yet attending, be discharged, unless they signify their intentions to come by Friday next before noon, and that the table proceed to a further election.

May 6 and 11.—Whereas Saturday having been appointed to consider as to a call to the table, but by some extraordinary business the treasurer was not present, it is ordered that all the masters of the bench be summoned for Wednesday next to nominate gentlemen to be called to the bench, and this matter is specially ordered for the reason aforesaid, although business is not done in a grand week in Easter and Michaelmas terms, except only matters of course and necessity.

May 13, 15, and 16.—Order that Charles Pulteney and Francis Page be called to the bench, and orders as to chambers.

June 12.—Orders that Hales and others shall inspect and settle the workmen's bills; that the repairs made at the Crown Office be viewed; and that the order for the purchase of concurrent lives be continued.

June 16 and 17.—Orders that Mansell attend the table; that the names of those called at the parliament, held on 21 June, be put in the paper for a call; that Samuel Carter's bond as library keeper, be delivered up; and that Sparkes' petition for enlarging his shed be referred to Payne and others.

June 18, 20, and 23.—Orders that the gentlemen under the bar

who made default on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday be amerced, excusing those that have actually done the exercise one term and did attend; that Mansell be discharged from further attendance; and that Silvester be appointed sexton, during pleasure.

Oct. 26 and 30.—Orders that Payne and Barnesley view the shop where the late fire was, near the church, and the chimneys in the rest of the shops there; and that certain chambers be padlocked.

Nov. 7, 10, and 14.—Orders as to viewing and padlocking chambers; that the matter of the imparlance be referred to the Friday committee; and that the matter of regulating the watchmen be then considered.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 16 November, 1712, to 15 November, 1713, in the treasurership of Samuel Dodd.

Disbursements.

For the play acted in the hall on 2 Nov., 1712 [to John Miles, for the use of the masters of the playhouse in Drury Lane], 20*li.*

To Giles Clark, towards the charge of prosecuting Betty Price, who had robbed several chambers in this society and since executed, 2*li.* 3*s.*

To the panierman, for wine spent by the masters of the bench in Michaelmas and Hilary terms, 1712, and Easter and Trinity terms, 1713, 176*li.* 4*s.* 7*d.*

To Horne, the bricklayer, 165*li.*

To Cook, the joiner, 100*li.*

To Cordwell, the carpenter, 165*li.*

To Searle, the woodmonger, for faggots, 30*li.*

To the steward, for a dinner for the masters of the bench at settling the tradesmen's bills, 2*li.* 9*s.* 3*d.*

To Moor, for a leather damask carpet, 3*li.* 5*s.*

To William Burrell, towards his relief in his illness, 2*li.*

Receipts, 2,254*li.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements, 2,224*li.* 14*s.* 10*d.*

Balance, 29*li.* 12*s.* 8*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1712-13, Feb. 2.—A list of gentlemen sewers and waiters.

1713, June 13.—A note of chambers seized and padlocked, in the possession of officers, etc.

1713, Sept. 13.—An inventory of the Inner Temple linen.

ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

The following are the names of those who attended the parliament during the year, with the number of their attendances :—George Wright, treasurer, 6; John Clendon, 6; Charles Pulteney, 6; John Holloway, 6; Nicholas Courtney, 4; John Dalby, 4; Richard Knapp, 4; John Tooker, 4; John Borret, 3; William Wright, 3; William Barnesley, 2; Henry Box, 1; John Hales, 1; Robert Paine, 1; Samuel Dodd, 1; Baron Simpson, 1; and Grimbald Paunceforth, 1.

1713.

Nov. 26.—Admittances to chambers.

1713-14.

Feb. 11.—Admittances to chambers and allowances to officers.

1714.

May 9.—John Tooker chosen reader.

June 13.—Richard Hampton, Richard Abell, James Hanmer, William Roberts, James Partherich, Henry Wood, Richard West, Edward Milles, Robert Whatley, and Charles Herne called to the bar.

Nov. 7.—John Tooker continued reader.

Nov. 14.—Auditors for the treasurer's and steward's accounts :—Tooker and Box, of the bench, and Tyrrell and Trevor, of the bar.

Treasurer :—John Borrett.

BENCH TABLE ORDERS.

The following are the names of those who attended the bench table during the year, with the number of their attendances :—George Wright, treasurer, 28; Clendon, 25; Dalby, 24; Holloway, 21; W. Wright, 18; Borrett, 18; Knapp, 17; Pultney, 17; Courtney, 15; Hales, 15; Simpson, 13; Payne, 11; Farrer, 11; Tooker, 11; Webb, 10; Dodd, 10; Paunceforth, 10; Box, 10; Barnesley, 9; Jennings, 5; Annesley, 5; Sir Gilbert Dolben, 4; Ward, 3; Page, 2; and Lutwich, 1.

1713.

Nov. 16, 20, 24, 25, and 26.—Orders for viewing chambers, and that Dalby and Holloway "view the ground chambers (No. 3) against the garden wall."[1]

Nov. 27.—Orders that Charles Morgan be fined 20*li.* for not reading at Clifford's Inn; that George Sawyer and James Woodhouse, having read at Clement's Inn and Lyon's Inn, respectively, and paid all their duties, be discharged; that the names of William Lightfoot, Roger Acherley, and Daniel Tainturier be sent to Clifford's Inn for choice of a reader; that the names of Matthew Lant, Dutton Seaman, and James Fertrey be sent to Clement's Inn for choice of a reader; and that the names of Edward Gosnell, Henry Fendall, Edward Pleydell, Henry Longueville, Thomas Southouse, and Henry Beeston be sent to Lyon's Inn for choice of a reader.

Nov. 28.—Orders that the committee formerly appointed to inspect the steward's accounts, together with the treasurer, Payne, and Box, shall proceed to examine the said accounts and afterwards make such contract with the present steward or any other person as they or the major part of them shall agree upon; that no more money be paid to the steward than such as he shall direct for the satisfaction of his debts; that Joshua Blew, the fourth butler, "do attend and keep the library open at library hours till further order"; and that the treasurer for the time being do lay out 20*li.* yearly out of the treasury in purchasing of books for the library.

1713-14.

Jan. 26 and 29.—Orders for viewing chambers; that the chamber lately fallen to the House by the death of Anthony Keck, worth 250*li.*, be sold for the benefit of the House, but not under that sum; and that the chamber fallen to the House by the death of Charles Weld, worth 200*li.*, be sold for the benefit of the House, but not under that sum.

Feb. 3.—Order that Lord Chief Justice Parker be accommodated with a key of the library.

[1] This is the first instance of a chamber in the Inn being numbered.

Feb. 8.—Orders that John Isham, upon paying his duties, shall have his bond delivered up to him, and that he be discharged from the society; and that "the land tax payable by this House for the year 1713, be paid out of the treasury of this society."

Feb. 10 and 11.—Orders that the order lately made about paying money to the steward, be so far relaxed so that the treasurer may order such sum to be paid to the steward as may be thought necessary for the vacation commons; that Samuel Marriott's chamber, at his own request, be padlocked; and that John Crowder, the second butler, may receive the moiety of the rent of Lloyd's shop, held of both societies, and which was enjoyed by Jones, the last second butler.

April 19 and 21.—Orders for padlocking chambers and payment of commons; that William Farlow be appointed chief porter in the room of Thomas Dry, and that he have a new gown, the old gown being given to Dry's widow.

April 24, 26, 29, and 30.—Orders that 10*li.* be given to Dry's widow, but that she forthwith leave the House; that the vacation barristers and gentlemen of the bar that were in commons last vacation have notice that unless they pay each 9*s.* per week, the vacation will not be allowed them; and that certain chambers and the garden walk be repaired.

May 5, 7, and 8.—Orders for viewing chambers.

June 2.—Orders "that Dr. Sherlock, master of the Temple, be allowed towards the repair of his floor, lately fallen, one moiety of the charge of repairing the same, the said moiety not exceeding the sum of 10*li.*"; and that the arrears of commons owing to Chark, the late steward, be paid to his executor.

June 7 and 10.—Order that the names of those who were called to the bar at the parliament held on 13 June be put into the paper for a call to the bar.

June 12 and 16.—Orders that the present rent of 25*li.* for the Crown Office be continued, and that Simon Harcourt, clerk of the Crown, have notice thereof; and that the vacationers confine the cost of commons to the usual allowance, otherwise their vacation shall not be allowed.

Nov. 6, 12, and 13.—Orders that 10*li.* be paid to Joshua Blew for his looking after the library and his attendance there in library

hours for one year ending at Michaelmas next; that all the parties concerned attend the masters in the library, touching the petition of Cliffe for leave to remove his goods out of Lloyd's chamber; and that certain chambers be padlocked.

GENERAL ACCOUNT BOOK.

Account from 15 November, 1713, to 14 November, 1714, in the treasurership of George Wrighte.

Receipts.

Admissions to the House, 147*li.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Admittances to chambers, 547*li.* 10*s.*

Fines and admittances into chambers, 109*li.*

Rents belonging to the House:—Rents for the Exchequer Office, the Crown Office, the Fine Office, and certain shops and chambers. From Giles Clark for Lyon's Inn and two tenements adjoining, after allowance of 15*s.* 4*d.* for taxes, 6*li.* 18*s.* 10*d.* From Hargrave, for his lights into Hare Court, 6*s.* 8*d.*, and for enlarging two windows next Temple Lane, 2*s.* From Stevens, for a year's rent of his shed in Mitre Court, 5*s.* From the Fountain Tavern, for the lights into Temple Lane, 2*s.* 6*d.* From the turnspits, for the watchmaker's shop, 4*d.* From ten inhabitants in Mitre Court, for the use of the drain, 1*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.* From Mrs. Jones, for her shop by the bog-houses, 6*li.*, etc. In all, 223*li.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

From William Wright, for his reading, 50*li.*

Caution money received for vacations upon a call to the bar, 40*li.*

Caution money for buying chambers, received of those gentlemen that were called to the bar and had no chambers, pursuant to an act of parliament, 160*li.*

Money received for absent commons of those gentlemen that were called to the bar, at 1*li.* 10*s.* per term, pursuant to an act of parliament, 51*li.*

Money received towards the organ, of the gentlemen called to the bar, 20*li.*

Pensions and preacher's duties received of the gentlemen called to the bar, 26*li.* 1*s.* 6*d.*

Vacations and amercements received of the gentlemen called to the bar, 36*li.* 12*s.*

Pensions and preachers' duties received of other gentlemen of the society, 208*li.* 5*s.* 6*d.*

Vacations and amercements received of other gentlemen of the society, 8*li.* 14*s.*

Receipts under no particular head, 9*li.* 2*s.* 6*d.*

Disbursements.

To Joan Clark, for nursing Martha Temple and Susan Temple, 3*li.* 18*s.* (Numerous other similar entries.)

To Jackson, a quarter's salary, 5*li.*

To Johnson, a quarter's salary, 7*li.* 10*s.*

To the scavenger, a quarter's payment, 1*li.* 5*s.*

To Burrell, towards the charge of his late illness, 2*li.*

To Dr. Sherlock, a quarter's payment, 25*li.*

To Piggott [the organist], a quarter's salary, 6*li.* 5*s.*

To Squire, for wine spent at auditing the steward's accounts, 1*li.* 18*s.* 1*d.*

To the panierman, for wine spent by the masters of the bench in Michaelmas term, 71*li.* 6*s.* 5*d.*

To [Thomas] Williams, for the music on 6 Feb., 1713-14, 2*li.*

To the four junior butlers, half a year's allowance for linen, washing Temple pots, etc., 35*li.*

To the panierman, half a year's allowance for the care of the two libraries, greenhouse, etc., 7*li.* 10*s.*

To the badge porter, for lighting the lanthorns at the benchers' staircases last winter, 2*li.*

To Shrider, a year's salary for cleaning and tuning the organ, 10*li.*

For making a gown for the head porter, 6*li.* 5*s.* 11*d.*

To Johnson, disbursed by him for newspapers for the last term, 1*li.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

The land tax for the year 1713 for this society, pursuant to the orders of the table of 8 Feb. last, 100*li.*

To Scott, the mason, in part towards the repairs of the garden wall next the river, 30*li.*

The window tax for this society for a year, 12*li.*

For wine spent at the Fountain Tavern, the day the king made his public entry and for disbursements by Johnson, 3*li.* 17*s.*

To Scott, the mason, for repair of the garden wall, 50*li.*

To John Hooke, bookseller, for several books of Reports and others, delivered into the library, 20*li.*

To Mrs. Ball, the proportion of this society of a year's rent for Dr. Sherlock's house, after allowance of 2*li.* for taxes, 18*li.*

To the treasurer, for the payment due to him as treasurer, 50*li.*

To Blew, for a year's care of the library, 10*li.*

To Sir Peter King and Sir Samuel Dodd, upon their being called serjeants, and for purses, 10*li.* 2*s.*

To the under-treasurer, for a year's salary and chamber rent, 30*li.*

Receipts, 1,747*li.* 0*s.* 2*d.*
Disbursements, 1,446*li.* 5*s.* 7*d.*
Balance, 300*li.* 14*s.* 7*d.*

MISCELLANEA.

1713-14, JAN. 7.—Proposals about the office of steward and the terms according to which it shall be undertaken by Samuel Trowell, junior. [Similar to those dated 23rd June, 1708.]

1713-14, JAN. 7.—Bond by Samuel Trowell for the performance of the said proposals.

1713-14, JAN. 8.—Warrant by the treasurer to pay Matthew Brambly, 4*li.* 4*s.* for his trouble in informing the masters of the bench as to the steward's accounts.

1714.—Authority by G. Wright, treasurer, to the under-treasurer to pay for the following books delivered into the library, viz.:—Coke's Reports, 11 parts, best edition, 5*li.*; Coke's Reports, 3 vols., best edition, 4*li.* 10*s.*; Dyer's Reports, best edition, folio, 16*s.*; Leonard's Reports, fol., best edition, 2*li.* 10*s.*; D'Anvers' Abridgment, 2nd vol., fol., 1*li.* 5*s.*; Modern Reports, 5th part, fol., 18*s.*; Modern Cases, fol., 12*s.*; Gibson's Codex, 2 vols., fol., calf, 3*li.*; for a set of Acts, 1713, 9*s.* 6*d.*; for a set of Acts, 1714, 14*s.* 10*d.*; for lettering the books above, 4*s.* 8*d.* In all 20*li.*

Temp. Queen Anne.—An inventory of the furuiture in the fore library: a carpet, chairs, hearth, sconces, etc. In the back library: 2 tables, chairs, a hearth, a map of England, a map of London, and an iron candlestick. In the hall: 5 pictures, viz., the Queen, the late King William and Queen Mary, the judges Cooke and Littleton; curtains for the music room, cushions, candlesticks, forms, 23 trestles to support the tables, one wicker screen. Without the screen, a form, a table, 70 buckets, and a picture of the flying horse. In the inner buttery, plate, viz. :—one silver bowl, gilt, with a cover, a basin and ewer, 5 salts, 10 great bowls, 12 small bowls, and 2 doz. silver spoons,—brass candlesticks, 3 pewter standishes, a Bible, and Grace Book, a fender, an hour glass, etc. In the officers' room, a table, form, etc. In the kitchen [blank]. In the cellar: a bottle rack, etc. In the summer house: two tables, chairs, cushions, curtains, hearth, candlesticks, etc. In the little garden: a copper basin, a stone roller, and a small brass dial fixed upon the wall. In the great garden [blank]. In Mr. Johnson's warehouse: 15 globe lanthorns, 6 wall lanthorns, a cover for the new dial in the great garden, etc. In the engine room: the engine, old lamps, etc.

DOORWAY, 4, KING'S BENCH WALK.

APPENDIX No. I.

REGISTER OF BURIALS AT THE TEMPLE CHURCH

(1660 to 1715).

CONTINUED FROM VOL. II., P. 368.

GREGORIE COLE, Esq., an ancient barrester of the Midle Temple was buried *in the north isle near the Benchers seats* on Fryday night, December the 28th, 1660.

WELBECK STOW was buried in the churchyard belonging to the Temple Church, Jan. 21th, 1660-1.

DAVID LEWES, the gravemaker for the Temple church was buried in the churchyard on Sunday night the ninth of December, 1660.

SIR JAMES BRIDGMAN, kt., was buried *in the body of the Temple Church on the Inner Temple side* upon Wedensday night being the 20th of February, 1660-1.[1]

WILLIAM GAUDY, Esq., was buried *in the body of the Temple church, on the Inner side*, uppon Fryday night, February the two and twenteth, 1660-1.

BASHINGHAM GAUDY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the Temple church*, on Munday night being the twenty fifth of February, 1660-1.

JOHN DOLLING of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* upon Teusday night the 26th of February, 1660-1.

FRAMLINGHAM GAUDY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the Temple church* upon Wedensday night being the seaventh of February, 1660-1.

CHARLES COX an infant sonne of William Cox of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke*, March the second, 1660-1.

WILLIAM WOLLEY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* on Munday night, March 11th, 1660-1.

MARY LENNORD, widow, was buried *in south isle neare the Benchers seats under Mr. Williams' moniment* on Fryday, May the tenth, 1661.

THOMAS BROWNE, an ancient barber dwelling in the Midle Temple, was buried *in the belfery neare the font* on Fryday the 17th day of May, 1661.

WILLIAM HOPKINS of the Inner Temple, gentellman, was buried *in the body of the church neare the crosse passage* upon Teusday, May 28th, 1661.

EDWARD JOHNSON of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the chancell neare the pulpitt on the south side* on Wedensday night being the fifth of June, 1661.

JOSEPH BRADSHAW, gent., was buried *in the round walke on the east side of the iron grate* upon Satterday night being the eight and twentyeth day of June, 1661.

JOHN GILBERT, gent., was buried *in the round walke of the Temple church at the east side of the iron grate* on Thursday, July the 10th, 1661.

PETTER PORTER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke on the south side* on Teusday night being July 16th, 1661.

NATHANIEL BENNETT of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke of the Temple church* on Satterday, July the twentieth, 1661.

ROBERT WHITCHCOTE, an infant sonne of Robert Whitchcote, clerke, was buried *at the entrance into the south isle of the Temple church* on Wedensday night being the 24th of July, 1661.

JOHN PAY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke next the round* upon Wedensday night being the 14th of August, 1661.

SEATH ELIOTT, an infant sonne of Seath Eliot, gardner of the Inner Temple, was buried in the litle churchyard the 14th of August, 1661.

[1] Opposite this is written "Dr. Ball."

HENRY ANETT, cheife porter of the Midle Temple, was buried in the litle churchyard on Saterday the 17th day of August, 1661.

JOHN PULISTON of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the north side of the round walke* on Thursday the 5th of September, 1661.

TOBIAS NEWCOURT of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the side isle within the Temple church* on Teusday the tenth of September, 1661.

RICHARD BAKER of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the church under Mr. Winns' stone near the baristers' seates* on Thursdsday night the 26th of September, 1661.

ANNE STONNER, wife of Mr. Angell Stonner of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the church* on Wedensday night being the 2nd of October, 1661.

JOHN PAYNE, sonne of John Payne of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *at the high alter on the south side of Barron Gate's stone* on Thursday, October the 3rd, 1661.

JAMES SCUDAMORE of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church* on Fryday night October the 4th, 1661.

EDWARD VAUGHAN, one of the masters of the bench of the Inner Temple, was buried *neare Mr. Selden's grave-stone in the round* on Teusday being the eight day of October, 1661.

FRANCES SWAINTON of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the north isle of the body of the church* on Saterday night, November 23th, 1661.

OLIVER LORD, servant to the worshipfull William Yorke, esq., one of the masters of the bench of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the round walke neare the south doore*, November 24th, 1661.

WILLIAM ROBERTS, gent., was buried *in the longe walke neare Mr. Martin's tombe* on Munday night the second of December, 1661.

GEORGE ALISTREE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *neare Dogett's doore* on Teusday night the third of December, 1661.

THOMAS HEYHOE of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the north isle* on Wedensday night the fourth of December, 1661.

MARY CANTRILL was buried *in the side isle on the inner side neare Mr. Nashe's stone* on Munday night, December 20th, 1661.

DAVID EVANS, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyard, December 27th, 1661.

LAWRANCE MADWELL, Esq., one of the six clarkes in Chancery, was buried *in the longe walke, neare Mr. Martyn's tombe*, one Satterday night the 11th of January, 1661-2.

FRANCIS BOOKER, servant to Mr. Thurland of the bench of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the round walke*, February 17th, 1661-2.

GEORGE ALESTREE, senior, was buried *in the side isle on the Inner side neare the Dogett doore*, on Thursday night, February 27th, 1661-2.

WILLIAM ELTONHEAD of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church near unto the clarke's seat*, March 17th, 1661.

GRIFFITH CUFFIN of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* on Teusday night being the first of Aprill, 1662.

JOHN MAYNARD, esq., eldest sonne of the worshipfull John Maynard, sergeant-at-law, dyed at his chamber in the Midle Temple the 28th of May, 1662, and was carried into the country to be buried, yett payd the fees to the minister and officers of the Temple.

WILLIAM HOVILL of the Midle Temple, gent., and one of the clarkes of the Fine Office, was buried *in the round walke of the Temple church* the sixth day of June, 1662.

MARY COLINS, wife of Anthony Colins of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the Temple church nere the clarke's seat under the long stone* on Teusday night being the tenth of June, 1662.

THOMAS CHAFE, esq., one of the masters of the bench of the honourable societie of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the north isle neare the Benchers' seates* the third day of July, 1662.

WILLIAM BAYNHAM of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke*, 6th of June, 1662.

WILLIAM CELY, esq., was buried *in the round walke Midle side*, the twentieth day of July, 1662.

JOHN ELTONHEAD, esq., sergant-at-law, was buried *in the body of the church neare the pulpit on the Midle side*, the thirtieth day of July, 1662.

THOMAS TYFIN of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke* the twenty fourth day of August, 1662.

EDWARD WALDRON of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *neare the benchers'*

seates on the twenty third day of October, 1662.

HUGH AUDLEY of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *at uper end of the south isle where the vestry now standeth*, the one and twentith day of November, 1662.

ANNE WHITE of the countie of Dorsett, gentlewoman, was buried *in the round walke on the Midle side* November 23th, 1662.

SAMUELL LUDDINGTON of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church* the twenty-ninth day of January, 1662-3.

RICHARD KING of the countie of Chester, gent., was buried *in the round walke in the Midle side* the eight day of February, 1662-3.

GRACE CATER, wife of Mr. Henry Cater of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke* February the 14th, 1662-3.

HENRY LANMAN of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the fifth day of March, 1662-3.

SIR CHENNY CULPEPER of the Midle Temple, baronet, was buried *at the enterance into the north isle*, the second of Aprill, 1663.

GABRILL LIVESAY, gent., was buried in the churchyard the eighteenth of Aprill, 1663.

JANE BARTON, wife of John Barton of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the north isle near the benchers' seats* on the twenty-eight day of Aprill, 1663.

JOHN WOODWARD of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the second day of May, 1663.

HENRY LUCAS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the high chancell under sergeant Turner's moniment* the one and twentieth day of July, 1663.

EDWARD ACTON, an infant, was buried *neare the pulpit on the Midle side* the third day of August, 1663.

DANIELL LISLE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the twentieth of August, 1663.

LUCY PECK, an infant daughter of Tho. Peck of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the second day of September, 1663.

MILES COOKE, an infant sonne of Miles Cooke of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke* the thirteenth day of September, 1663.

JOHN WATSON of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke* the 27th of October, 1663.

NATHANIELL BROOKE of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke* on the eighteenth day of November, 1663.

LENNORD CHAMBERLYNE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke on the Midle side* the thirteenth day of January, 1663-4.

JOHN SPATHURST of the countie of Yorke, gent., was buried in the *long walke of the Temple church* the twenty eighth of January, 1663-4.

ROBERT MELOR of the countie of Dorsett, Esq., was buried *in the body of the church on the Midle side*, the twentieth day of February, 1663-4.

ANNE STONNER, daughter of Angell Stonner of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in ye body of the church* ye eleventh day of March, 1663-4.

BENJAMAN TOMLINS of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the twenty sixth day of Aprill, 1664.

WILLIAM JONES of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the high chancell behind the pulpit* the twenty sixth of May, 1664.

EDWARD SALLOWAY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke neare St. Anne's chapel doore* the 17th of June, 1664.

EDWARD LITLETON of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke*, June the 17th, 1664.

RICHARD WEST of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* July the 7th, 1664.

FRANCIS FORTESCUE, an infant, buried *in the round walke, Inner side*, August 10th, 1664.

ANDREW SEARLE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke*, 25 of August, 1664.

ROBERT BAKER of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walk*, the eleventh of November, 1664.

WILLIAM SWAYNE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke*, ye 14 of November, 1664.

NICOLAS YARBOROUGH of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke* the fifth day of February, 1664-5.

ROBERT PRANNELL, curate in the Temple, was buried in the churchyard, Feb. 24, 1664-5.

RALPH BANISTER, turnebroch of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard the 28th of March, 1665.

RICHARD ABUREY, an ancient gent., was

buried *in the round walke* the twentith day of Aprill, 1665.

Sir Thomas Bird, one of the masters of the Chancery, was buried *in the south isle near the stone moniment of the Abott, Inner side*, the tenth day of June, 1665.

Joseph Nanton, servant to Sir Bulstrode Whitlocke of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard, June 14th, 1665.

Rowland Jewkes of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in a valt, prepared at his charge, neare Mr. Selden's moniment*, the fifth of July, 1665.

Elizabeth Watkins, widdow, was buried *in the round walke* the 26th of July, 1665.

Nathanell Palgrave of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the Inner churchyard neare the north east corner of the church*, August ye 8th, 1665. Of the plague.

Zachrey Watkins, assistant of the clarke of the Temple church, was buried in the churchyard the ninth day of August, 1665. Of the plague.

—— Beare, servant to Mr. William Noyes of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried in the churchyard the 22th day of August, 1665. Of the plague.

—— Booth, servant to Mr. William Bagnall of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyard the 27th day of August, 1665. Of the plague.

—— —— servant to Mr. Bradford of the Midle Temple, gent., buried in ye churchyard, August 24th, 1665. Of the plague.

Mistress —— Peare and Mr. Richard Peare, her sonne, belonging to Mr. Peare, a barister of the Midle Temple, were both buried in the churchyard, September the first, 1665. Of the plague.

Thomas Northwell, servant to Mr. —— Draper of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard, September the 12th, 1665. Of the plague.

Lancolett Symonds of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke*, September 29th, 1665.

Capt. —— Gyfford, a stranger who dyed at Mr. Gyfford's chamber in the Midle Temple lane, was buried in the churchyard, September 30th, 1665. Of the plague.

Mr. John Duncombe, gent., was buried in the churchyard from Mr. Cave's chamber in the Inner Temple the second day of October, 1665. Of the plague.

—— Musgrave, gent., a stranger who dyed at Mr. Munday's chamber in Essex Court, was buried in the Temple churchyard, October 12th, 1665. Of the plague.

Henry Chilton, steward of the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyard, 17th of November, 1665. Of the plague.

Robert Burford, panierman of the Middle Temple, buried in the churchyard, December 9th, 1665.

Martha Marshall, wife of Mr. John Marshall of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *near the saintes bell neare the doure going into the church* the eight day of February, 1665-6.

Thomas Adkinson, an infant, buried in the churchyard March 27, 1666; paid no fees.

William Rochester of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church* the twenty-seventh day of June, 1666.

Henry Page, servant to Mr. Perriott of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried in ye churchyard July the 25th, 1666.

Anne Porter, wife of Charles Porter of the Midle esq., was buried *in the long walke near Recorder Martin's tombe* on Saterday night being the first of September, 1666.

Sir Anthony Jackson, of the Inner Temple, kt., was buried *in the round near the iron gratt* the 14th day of October, 1666.

—— Lucas, cheife porter of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round walke neare the font* the seventh of November, 1666; paid no fees.

James Howell, esq., historygraficar to his Majestie Charles the Second, was buried *in the long walke neare the doore which goes up the steeple*, November the third, 1666.

Thomas Westbrooke, attourny at law, was buried *in the round under the north window*, the twenty ninth day of November, 1666.

Henry Massenburg of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the side isle next to Mr. Nash's grave-stone* upon Munday the twenty sixth day of November, 1666.

William Yorke, esq., bencher of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the passage between the benchers' seates and the vestry* upon Thursday the twenty ninth day of November, 1666.

William Tarlton, servant to the Earle of Cleavland, was buried in the churchyard, the 14th day of January, 1666.

ROBERT BACKHOUSE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *neare the stepps by the Saints bell* on Munday the fourtenth day of January, 1666-7.

ANTHONY WILLMORE was buried from Mr. Thomas' chamber in the Paper buildings, in the churchyard, the 27 of April, 1667.

ROGER HILL, esq., sergant-at-law and bencher of the Inner Temple was buried *under the great chest by the vestry* on Teusday the three and twenteth day of Aprill, 1667.

HENRY SALMON of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the side isle neare Mr. Heyhoe's grave-stone* on Teusday the twenty eyght day of May, 1667.

MARMADUKE MOORE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the midle isle neare the pulpett*, July 12th, 1667.

SIR EDMOND PEARCE, kt., and one of the masters of the Chancery, was buried *in the Temple church at the north east end neare to Mr. Plowden's moniment*, upon the tenth day of August, 1667.

HUMPHREY WATTS of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *on the east side of the iron gratt in the round walke* the 23th of September, 1667.

THO. WOODFORD, servant to Mr. Paulett of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard the 24th of September, 1667.

THOMAS FRENCH, servant to the steward of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard the 3d day of October, 1667.

THOMAS YOUNG of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *on the east side of the iron grate in the round* the 18th day of October, 1667.

MISTRESS ELIZABETH JOHNSON, widdow, wife of the late Edward Johnson, esq., of the Inner Temple, bencher, was buried *neare the pulpitt* on Satterday night being the 23th of November, 1667.

ABEL GOWER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round on the east side of the iron grate* the 29th of November, 1667.

GEORGE ELPHICK of Grays Inn, esq., was buried *in the longe walke neare Mr. Martin's moniment on the Midle Temple side*, December 14th, 1667.

FRANCIS WILLIAMSON of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke of the Temple church*, January 24th, 1667-8.

MISTRESS ANNE FOWKES, widdow, was buried *in the Temple churchyard under the north window*, the 15th day of February, 1667-8.

WILLIAM JOHNSON of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke of the Temple church* the 20th day of February, 1667-8.

MISTRESS SUSANN BALL, wife of the rev. Dr. Richard Ball, master of the Temple, was buried *in the Temple church at the entrance into the midle quire doore* the 18th day of March, 1667-8.

ELIZABETH HEY a poore widdow, was buried in the churchyard the 6th of Aprill, 1668.

JOHN BARNABY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the 8th of May, 1668.

RICHARD PEARE of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke* the 15th of May, 1668.

EDWARD LATTYMER, servant to Mr. Barry, was buried in the Temple churchyard, 29th of May, 1668.

HENRY RUSSELL of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke*, May 25th, 1668.

JOHN BARRY of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round walke* the 19th day of June, 1668.

EDWARD LEE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke* the 15th day of Jully, 1668.

FRANCIS JERMEY of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke* the 9th of October, 1668.

JOHN BERRINGER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the church neare the pulpitt* the 16th day of November, 1668.

JOHN MORTON of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the south isle under the window neare Dogett's doore* the 26th day of November, 1668.

MR. JOHN MARSHALL of the Inner Temple, an attourney, was buried *in the long walke and the entrance into the south doore* the 23rd day of December, 1668.

MISTRESS ANNE FARMER, wife of George Farmer of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *at the east end of the church under the Communion table*, December 29th, 1668.

MISTRESS ANNE MORTON, wife of the Hon. Judge Morton of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the south isle nere Dogett's doore* upon the 7th of January, 1668-9.

MR. JOHANNATHAN COLINS of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke*

neare Mr. Martyn's moniment, January the 19th, 1668-9.

SAMUELL BUCKE, servant to Mr. Leachmere of the bench of the Midle Temple was buried in the Temple churchyard the 11th day of February, 1668-9.

SIR JOHN WILLIAMS of Minster Court in the Isle of Tenett, a member of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the church under Mr. Den's moniment neare the saints bell* the 26 of March, 1669.

ELIZABETH MILLS, wife of Mr. William Mills, the cheife porter of the Inner Temple was buried *at the east side of the font of the Temple church* the sixth day of May, 1669.

GEORGE STREET of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round neare Mr. Selden's moniment*, June the seventh, 1669.

FRANCIS WISEMAN, a scrivner, was buried in the Temple churchyard the seventh of July, 1669.

ANNE MACHELL, widdow, was buried *in the south isle of the Temple church* upon Fryday the 24th of September, 1669.

THOMAS MANN of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke neare Mr. Whitby's stone*, November 2d, 1669.

JOHN FITZ JAMES of the Midle Temple esq., was buried *in the long walke next to Mr. Jeremy's stone*, December 19th, 1669.

EDWARD SEARLE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church neare the font* upon Fryday the twenty fourth of December, 1669.

TYMOTHY POLLARD of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church*, January the first, 1669; paid no fees.

BARBARA LEE, wife of George Lee of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church near the crosse passage* upon the 15th of January, 1669-70.

WILLIAM CLARKE, servant to Mr. Archbold of the Midle Temple was buried in the churchyard the 26th day of January, 1669-70.

TIMOTHY TWIFORD, stationer, in the Inner Temple Lane was buried *in the round of the church* February 9th, 1669-70.

JOHN MARTIN, servant to Sir Edward Thurland on of the masters of the bench of the Inner Temple was buried *in the round of the church*, April 1st, 1670.

FRANCIS BARTON of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the north isle neare Plowden's moniment* on Teusday night being the 3d of May, 1670.

FRANCIS FOSTER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke nere the south doore* on Sunday night being the 15th of May, 1670.

JOHN JERSON of the Inner Temple was buried *in the round of the church* on Wedensday night being the 25 of May, 1670.

ARTHUR HARRIS of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the church* upon Sunday night being the 5th of June, 1670.

CHRISTOPHER COLSON of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the church* upon Thursday night being the 8th of June, 1670.

HESTER HILL, an infant daughter of William Hill of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *near the vestry doore* the 24 of August, 1670.

RICHARD ALDER, a poore man that dyed in the Midle Temple lane was buried in the churchyard the 17th of August, 1670.

JOHN MOYLE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church* upon Saterday night being the 3d of September, 1670.

THOMAS CHAMPION of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the south isle neat the south door* on Saterday night being the 12th of September, 1670.

BURNELL BALL, sonne of Dr. Ball, master of the Temple was buried *at the entrance into the midle isle* the 13th of September, 1670.

ELIZABETH TOMLINS, widdow, was buried *in the south isle of the church* upon Wedensday night being the 21th of September, 1670.

THOMAS GIBBES of the Inner Temple, an ancient barrister was buried *in the round of the church* upon Friday night October 21th, 1670.

ANTHONY COLINS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church* upon Teusday night being the 22th of November, 1670.

RICHARD RUDYARD of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the north isle* on Wedensday night being the 28th of December, 1670.

SAMUELL ROYLE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* Feb. 23th, 1670.

HENRY FREEMAN, cheife porter of the Midle Temple was buried *in the round*, May 10th, 1671.

JOHN PAYNE of the Inner Temple, gent.,

and attourny in the Exchequer was buried *in the high chancell behind the pulpitt* the 16th of May, 1671.

WILLIAM NICOLAS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke* June the 3d, 1671.

HENRY WINN of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round neare Mr. Selden's tomb* the twenty ninth day of July, 1671.

THOMAS JOLLY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 16th day of September, 1671.

MARY GAUDY was buried *in the body of the church on the Inner side*, the 13th of October, 1671.

MAURICE TRESHAM of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the side isle* the 6th of November, 1671.

THOMAS KECK of the Middle Temple, esq., and one of the masters of the bench, was buried *in the long walke under Mr. Howell's moniment* the sixth day of November, 1671.

CHARLES SYDNHAM, esq., buried in *the round neare Mr. Jewks moniment* the 24th of November, 1671.

JOHN HERBERT of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *near the Docket doore* November 24th, 1671.

OLIVER PLAYDELL of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* December 13th, 1671.

RICHARD PYBAS, servant to Mr. Howkins, attourny of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard the 22th of December, 1671.

JAMES BARRETT on of the washpotts of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard January 7th, 1671.

THOMAS HIGGS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the north isle* February the 18th, 1671.

THOMAS BRADFORD of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* February 21th, 1671-2.

JOSEPH WESTLY, servant to Mr. John Stephens of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round*, February 23th, 1671-2.

HANMORE LEWIS, servant to Mr. Serjant Brampston of the Midle Temple was buried *in the round*, April 10th, 1672.

THOMAS MUNDEY, esq., one of the masters of the bench of the Midle Temple was buried *near the benchers' seates* the 29th of June, 1672.

SIR WILLIAM MORTON, one of the judges of the Kings Bench, was buried *under his moniment in the Inner side*, October the first, 1672.

EDWARD SHELTON of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the high chancell behind the pulpitt* the second of November, 1672.

RICHARD ADKINSON, one of the buttlers to the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyard the 14th of October, 1672.

WALLIS LOWE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the south isle* the 26th of November, 1672.

MARY CLARKE, widdow, late wife of Sir Thomas Clarke of the Midle Temple, was buried by her husband *in the round*, December the 10th, 1672.

JOHN CAVE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church* the 18th of January, 1672-3.

ARTHUR CALTHORPE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the valt near Plowden's tombe*, February 21th, 1672-3.

MOSES BROMLEY buried in the churchyard, March 10th, 1672-3.

ANNE PEARSON, wife of Dr. John Pearson, lord bishop of Chester, was buried *at the entrance into the body of the church*, 1672.

WILLIAM DRAYTON of the Inner Temple, attourny, was buried in the churchyard the first of Aprill, 1673.

MARY PRICE, widdow, buried in the churchyard, dishwasher of the Inner Temple, the 27th of April, 1673.

JOHN CHALENOR, butler of the Midle Temple, buried in the churchyard the 4th of May, 1673.

JAMES HALES, one of the clerks of the Crown Office, was buried *in the round, Inner side*, May the sixth, 1673.

RALPH BANCROFT, second cook of the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyard, May 17th, 1673.

MARY CHAPMAN, wife of Mr. William Chapman, cheife butler of the Midle Temple, buried *in the north isle* upon the eight of June, 1673.

RICHARD CURST of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 9th of August, 1673.

RICHARD DRAPER, gent., buried *in the round on the Inner Temple side*, September ye sixth, 1673.

GEORGE KEKWITH of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round*, September ye sixth, 1673.

THOMAS AGER, gent., and clark of the Crown Office, was buried *out of the Midle Temple in the long walke* the fourth of November, 1673.

THOMAS NORTHOVER of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* November ye 28th, 1673.

RICHARD HYDER of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke* the 16th of December, 1673.

JOHN SMITH, cheife cooke of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the round* the 26th of July, 1673.

SIR NATHANIELL HUBERT, kt., one of the masters of chancery, was buried *in the body of the church Midle Temple side* the 21th of February, 1673-4.

THOMAS BENTLY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walk* ye 10th of March, 1673-4.

JOHN BUTTS of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke near Mr. Selden's moniment* ye 18th of Aprill, 1674.

FRANCIS HUBERT, daughter of the late Sir Nath. Hubert, etc., was buried by her father ye 28th Aprill, 1674.

JOHN SAMPSON of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* ye 10th of May, 1674.

WALTER BLUNT of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 4th of August, 1674.

EDWARD STEPHENS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in ye long walk* ye sixth of August, 1674.

ISAIAH WARD, doctor of phisick, who dyed in the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round* the fiftenth of August, 1674.

FRANCIS FITZ JAMES, buried under her brother's gravestone *in the long walke, Inner Temple side*, the 26th of August, 1674.

ROSA MARIA TRESHAM, buried *in the north isle by her brother*, the 3d of September, 1674.

SEYMOR PAULET, clerk to Mr. Tillman of the Midle Temple, was buried *in ye round*, October 17th, 1674.

THOMAS HUSSEY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round*, November the 10th, 1674.

POPE NORTH, an infant sonne of the hon. Sir Francis North, attorny generall, was buried *in ye chancell* the 4th of November, 1674.

RICHARD ORYLYBAR of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in ye round*, December 12th, 1674.

GEORGE WELCOME, clarke to Mr. John Skegness of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round* March ye 27th, 1675.

GEORGE DUKE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 16th of June, 1675.

PETTER BALL, doctor of phisick, sonne of the worshipfull Sir Petter Ball, one of the masters of the bench of the honourable societie of the Medle Temple, was buried *in the round of the Temple church*, July 20th, 1675.

WILLIAM MOLE, gent., of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the round of the Temple church*, July the 27th, 1675.

WILLIAM DIKE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple church*, August 12th, 1675.

PETTER ROYLE, gent., belonging to the chancery, was buried *in the round on the Midle Temple side, by his brother*, the 20th of August, 1675.

SIR RICHARD SAMFORD of the county of Northumberland, barronet, was buried *in the round of the Temple church on the Inner Temple side near the iron gratts, the east side*, September the 11th, 1675.

GEORGE MASSON, a poore gentleman, was buried in the north churchyard, October 14th, 1675.

WILLIAM DICKENSON of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round near the Midle Passage into the long walke*, the 27th of November, 1675.

DAVID WILLIAMS of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke* the 17th of December, 1675.

WILLIAM LUDLOW of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the church*, 26th of January, 1675-6.

FRANCIS ADAMS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the high chancell behind the pulpitt* the 8th of March, 1675-6.

CHARLES PORTER, an infant sonne of Charles Porter of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 9th of July, 1676.

WILLIAM ROBERTS was buried in ye churchyard 20th of August, 1676.

SUTTON CONNY, gent., a stranger, was buried *in ye long walke on the Midle Temple side*, October ye 6th, 1676.

ANTHONY DEANE of the Inner Temple, esq., buried *near Sir John Williams moniment in the long walke* the 7th of October, 1676.

JOHN HEARNE of the Midle Temple, an attourny, was buried in the churchyard, November ye 15th, 1676.

WILLIAM PARSLOWE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the body of the church* ye 9th of December, 1676.

CHARLES CRUMPTON, esq., a stranger, buried *in the belfery near the font*, 17th of December, 1676.

THOMAS BENTLEY was buried in the churchyard the 17th of December, 1676.

WILLIAM KING of the Midle Temple

esq., was buried *in the round nere the Knights*, 27th of December, 1676.

WILLIAM MASSON, baker to the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard, Jan. 7th, 1676-7.

ROBERT HUNT of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the long walke*, February 27th, 1676-7.

SIR FREDERICK HIDE, sergant at law, was buried *neare Mr. Plowden's moniment*, May 3d, 1677.

EMANUELL THOMAS, of the Inner Temple, attourny, was buried *in the round*, May 10th, 1677.

SIR ALEXANDER WALDRON, kt., was buried *in the long walke on the south side of Mr. Litleton's stone, being the Inner side*, May the 14th, 1677.

JOHN BLUNT of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke*, May 16th, 1677.

ROBERT BEARE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke*, June 12th, 1677.

JOHN EDWARDS, a barber in the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyard, June 3d, 1677.

THOMAS PARADINE, a taylor, was buried in the churchyard, June 15th, 1677.

WILLIAM RICHARDS of the Midle Temple was buried *in the round walke* June 18th, 1677.

SIR JOHN KING, kt., one of his Majesties councell and bencher of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the round near to Mr. Jewkes' stone*, July 4th, 1677.

THOMAS BOWEN was buried in the churchyard out of Hare Court, August 19th, 1677.

HOPTON SHUTER, esq., one of the benchers of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the middle of the body of the church*, September the 19th, 1677.

ELLENOR CHILTON, widdow, was buried in the churchyard, the 21th of March, 1676-7.

EDMOND GIBBON of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke* October 2d, 1677.

JAMES WALKER, an infant son of Tho. Walker of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *near unto Mr Selden's moniment* the 3d of November, 1677.

RICHARD ROBERTS, pannierman of the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyard, 12th of November, 1677.

JOHN JACKSON of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round walke*, June the 29th, 1677.

RICHARD WARBURTON, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyard, 12th January, 1677.

HENRY GAUDY of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the midle isle*, the 15th of January, 1677-8.

SUSSAN KEERREY, daughter of Danell Keerrey, was buried in the churchyard, February 11th, 1677-8.

MARY GILBORROW, widdow, was burried *in the middle isle near the pulpit* the 8th of March, 1677-8.

FRANCIS NORTH, daughter of Sir Francis North, lord cheife justice, was buried *near Plowden's tombe* the 9th of Aprill, 1678.

HERBERT PERROTT of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round near the font*, the 16th of Aprill, 1678.

FRANCIS BULLER of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the midle isle near the pulpitt* the 9th of May, 1678.

RICHARD PARADINE, under cook of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyard, 12th of May, 1678.

SIR JAMES BOYER, kt., was buried *in the long walke on the Midle Temple side*, the 24th of May, 1678.

CHARLES DOUGHTY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round near the font*, the 28th of June, 1678.

MR. JOHN ROSSE, of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round near the font*, the 14th of October, 1678.

CHRISTOPHER DORRELL of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round*, the 18th of October, 1678.

WILLIAM TUBBING, gent., was buried *in the round on the Midle Temple side* the 9th of November, 1678.

ROGER MOSTYN of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 12th of December, 1678.

WILLIAM TRIST of the Midle Temple, esq., was buryed *in the round walk next to Crompton's stone* 1678.

JOHN WADMAN of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 11th of February, 1678-9.

GEORGE BYNION, gent., was buried *in the round on the Midle Temple side*, February 13th, 1678-9.

SIR TYMOTHY LITLETON, kt., one of the barrons of the Exchequer, was buried *in the long walke, Inner Temple side*, the 2d of Aprill, 1679.

ROBERT WESTON of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 5th of Aprill, 1679.

JOHN BALL, son of Dr. Ball, master of the Temple was buried *in the enterance into the midle isle* the 28th of Aprill, 1679.

JOHN WATTERS of the Inner Temple and principall attourny of the King's Bench, was buried *in the body of the church* upon Fryday the 9th of May, 1679.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, gent., was buried *in the side isle on the Midle Temple side* upon Satterday the 10th of May, 1679.

JOSEPH TROTMAN, of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* upon Munday the 12th of May, 1679.

WILLIAM TIGH of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in ye round* the 18th of May, 1679.

EDWARD ACTON, esq., was buried in *the body of the church by Mr. Buck's pew on the Midle Temple side* Munday ye 14th of July, 1679.

GEORGE PALMER of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round near the font*, ye 17th of July, 1679.

GEORGE BRIDGER of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 28th of July, 1679.

GEORGE WILDE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round near Selden's moniment* on Fryday the first of August, 1679.

THOMAS TURNER, esq., was buried in *the south isle under his father in law Judge Morton's moniment* the 22th of July, 1679.

GEORGE ENT of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 5th of September, 1679.

THOMAS KNIGHTLY was buried in the churchyard September 8th, 1679.

BERCKLY HANSON of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 9th of November, 1679.

JUDITH ADAMS, widdow, late wife of William Adams, deceased, some time a bencher of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the chancell neare the stone moniment* the 9th of November, 1679.

SIR WILLIAM WILD, kt., one of the judges of the King's Bench, was buried *in the long walke, Inner Temple side*, the 2d of December, 1679.

HUGH OSBORNE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 19th of February, 1679-80.

HENRY KEMP of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 11th of February, 1679-80.

THOMAS FINCHAM of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the south isle* the 19th of March, 1679-80.

THOMAS HICKES of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 16th of March, 1679-80.

JOHN COLE was buried in ye churchyard the 7th of July, 1680.

MARY BROWNE, buried in ye churchyard 27th of June, 1680.

OLIVER AYLETT, gent., buried in ye churchyard 14th of June, 1680.

WILLIAM CLARK, infant, buried in the churchyard 1st of August, 1680.

EDWARD WOOD, turnspitt, buried in churchyard 20 of September, 1680.

FRAN. MILLS, widdow, buried in ye churchyard 6th of October, 1680.

WILLIAM FREEMAN, gent., buried *in the round* 30th of October, 1680.

SIR JOHN WILLIAMS, kt., buried *under his uncle's moniment in the south isle* the 14th of November, 1680.

ELIZABETH WATTERS, widow, was buried *in the midle isle, Inner side*, the 27th of December, 1680.

MARY BLYTH, wife of John Blyth, sexton of Temple church, was buried in the churchyard 29th of December, 1680.

RICHARD NORMAN of Whitfriers was buried in the Temple churchyard the 16th of February, 1680.

JOHN PAYNE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* February 22th, 1680-1.

VERE BARTUE of the Midle Temple, sergant at law and one of the barrons of ye Exchequer, was buried *at the east end of the church near Plowden's moniment* 5th day of March, 1680-1.

WILLIAM JOLLIFF of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 7th of March, 1680-1.

JOHN HELE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 7th of May, 1681.

AYMONDISHAM PAINE, an infant, was buried *in the round on the Midle Temple* [*side*] the 30th of May, 1681.

ROBERT SANDERSON of Lyncolnshire, gent., was buried *in the round on the Inner side* the 3d of June, 1681.

PETER D' LA HAY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 16th of June, 1681.

THOMAS GREENWOOD, servant to Francis Woodward of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 20th of June, 1681.

RICHARD LAPTHORNE, an infant, was buried *in the round, Middle Temple side*, the 20th of June, 1681.

WILLIAM DIKE of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 20th of July, 1681.

HUGH GROVE of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the north isle near the Benchers' seates* the 21th of July, 1681.

ROGER FOWKE of the Inner Temple was buried *in the round* the 14th of July, 1681.

ELLENOR BALL, wife of Dr. Richard Ball, master of the Temple, was buried *in the body of the church near the midle doore* the 16th of August, 1681.

MARY, the wife of John MAJOR, stationer, was buried *in the side isle near her mother, Mrs. Mary Chapman, on the Midle side* the 26th of November, 1681.

THOMAS BALL, gent., sonne of Dr. Richard Ball, master of the Temple, was buried *at the lower end of the body of the church*, December the 3d, 1681.

WILLIAM BROWNE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the long walke near Judge Vaghan's stone* the 7th of December, 1681.

THOMAS WEBB of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 12th of December, 1681.

SIR JOHN SIMPSON of the Inner Temple, kt., sergant at law, was buried *in the round next Sir John King* the 16th of December, 1681.

ROBERT BROWNE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the body of the church near the barr seat* the 27th of December, 1681.

LUKE MERRYDALE, a stranger, was buried out of the Fryers in the Temple churchyard, January 4th, 1681-2.

CHRISTOPHER DARELL, esq., was buried *in the round on the Inner Temple side*, February 17th, 1681-2.

VALENTINE JOYNER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 2d of March, 1681-2.

JOHN PARSONS of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 6th of March, 1681-2.

SAMUELL DEVERAUX, servant to Mr. Holton of the Midle Temple, was buried in ye churchyard the 22th of March, 1681-2.

WILLIAM BALL, son of the master, Dr. Ball, was buried *at the lower end of the midle isle* February 19th, 1681-2.

EDWARD BUTTLER of the Midle Temple, gent., was carried into the country to be buried, but paid the dutys to the Temple church, Aprill 22th, 1682.

JOHN KEELING of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 14th of May, 1682.

MISTRESS SUSANNA SKEGNES, wife of Mr. John Skegneys of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round*, October 30th, 1682.

ROGER EDDOWS of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round* the 10th of November, 1682.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, cheife butler of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the round*, November 18th, 1682.

ELEZABETH MERADETH, widdow, was buried out of the Fryers in the Temple churchyard, 26 of November, 1682.

MARIANA LAPTHORNE, an infant, was buried *in the round on the Midle Temple side*, January 26th, 1682-3.

MARY PORTER, an infant daughter of Charles Porter, of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in ye round* 24th of March, 1682-3.

JOHN DANIELL, a barber, was buried in the north churchyard of the Temple, the 25th of March, 1683.

GORING BALL of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* Aprill 21th, 1683.

SAMUELL CURST of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 16th of May, 1683.

ARTHUR POLLARD of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 10th of June, 1683.

SIR EDMOND SANDERS, kt., lord cheife justice of his Majesties court of King's Bench, was buried *at the east end of the north isle near Plowdon's tombe* the 28th of June, 1683.

SIR SAMUELL BALDWIN, kt., sergant at law, was buried *in the round under Sir John King's tombe on ye Inner side* the 17th of July, 1683.

SIR THOMAS ROBINSON, kt., tresurer of the Inner Temple, was buried *at the upper end of the south isle* the 7th of August, 1683.

NICOLAS WELCH of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 12th of September, 1683.

JOHN SCARCE, servant to Mr. Norice of the Midle Temple, was buried in the churchyard, 28th of Sep., 1683.

SAMUELL HOWLAND of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 3d of October, 1683.

JOHN ALMERY of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried in the north churchyard, October 17th, 1683.

WILLIAM LONG of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* October 21th, 1683.

WILLIAM TOMPSON, an infant son of Mr. Tompson, of the Midle Temple, was buried *in ye round* November 15th, 1683.

DANIELL KEERY of the Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* the 17th of November, 1683.

SOUTHWARK BALL of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* upon Sunday night being the 30th of December, 1683.

WILLIAM GRIGGS of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the church* the 18th of February, 1683-4.

THOMAS BALES of the Midle Temple, esq, was buried *in the round of the church* ye 27th of February, 1683-4.

ANN LITTLTON (*sic*), wife of the late Sir Timothy Littlton, one of the barrons of the Exchequer, was buried *under her husband's gravestone within the skreen* the 18th of March, 1683-4.

RICHARD BALL, doctor in divinity and master of the Temple, was buried *in the new vestrey on the south side of the church* ye 9th of Aprill, 1684.

CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried in the churchyard ye 24th of June, 1684.

GEORGE LEE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried in the churchyard ye 24th of June, 1684.

FRANCIS WOOD of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* July the 2d, 1684.

RICHARD LAPTHORNE, an infant, buried *in ye round on ye Midle side*, the 10th of July, 1684.

GEORGE ROBINSON of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* the 30th of July, 1684.

SAMUELL BURRELL of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* ye 28th of August, 1684.

CHARLES MACKERTY of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* ye 11th of October, 1684.

ANN CURE, the wife of George Cure of the Inner Temple, Esq., was buried *in the round* the 23th of November, 1684.

ABRAHAM JACOB of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round* ye 9th of December, 1684.

JOHN NICOLAS was buried in the churchyard the 31th of January, 1684-5.

HENRY KEMPE of the Inner Temple, gent., buried in *the round* the 21th of January, 1684-5.

JANE COBB, wife of Jeffery Cobb late of the Inner Temple, gent., buried *in the round* Feb. 9th, 1684-5.

HENRY FAIRCLOUGH, doctor of phisick, dyed at his son's chamber in ye Midle Temple and buried *in the round* Feb. 13th, 1684-5.

CHARLES PORTER infant son of William Porter of the Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* Feb. 26th, 1684-5.

MARY KEMPE, wife of Henry Kempe late of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round* Aprill 18th, 1685.

JOHN GLASS of the Inner Temple, gent., buried *in the round* June 16th, 1685.

NICOLAS BURLASSE of the Midle Temple, gent., buried *in the round* June 23th, 1685.

DENIS MACKERTY of the Midle Temple, gent., buried *in the round* June 25th, 1685.

SIR JOHN PETTUS, kt., member of the honourable societie of the Inner Temple, buried *in the round* July 12th, 1685.

JOHN NOURSE of the Inner Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* Dec. 4, 1685.

PETER HONYWOOD of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* Dec. 12, 1685.

JOHN THACHAM of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* December 18, 1685.

MARY KERRY, ye wife of Daniel Kerry, esq., of ye Midle Temple, was buried *in ye round* Dec. 28 1685.

JOHN FIDYES, barber in ye Midle Temple, buried in ye north churchyard, Jan. 14th, 1685-6.

RICHARD MARSH of ye Midle Temple, esq., was buried *in ye rounds* Feb. 17th, 1685-6.

JOHN PRATT of ye Midle Temple, gent., was buried *in ye round* Feb. 19, 1685-6.

JOHN LONG of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried *in the round* March 26, 1686.

GILBERT NORTH, of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried in ye churchyard March 31, 1686.

FRANCIS HOBLYN, esq., buried *in ye Temple church* April 26, 1686.

ANN DOBSON, widdow, buried in ye churchyard April 29, 1686.

JOHN ELLIS of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried *in ye rounds* May 20, 1686.

FRANCIS WOODWARD of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* May 21, 1686.

WILLIAM CATER of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* June 14, 1686.

JOSEPH MADDING of ye Middle Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* June 17, 1686.

SAMUEL HOLDEN of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in ye round* June 23, 1686.

JOHN EARLE of ye Midle Temple, esq., buried *in ye round* October 13, 1686.

EDWARD CHICHESTER of ye Inner Temple, gent, buried *in ye round*, Nov. 17, 1686.

RICHARD LLOYD buried *in ye round*, Nov. 27, 1686.

ST. LEGER SCROOPE buried *in ye round* Jan. 13, 1686-7.

ROBERT JOHNSON, esq., of ye Inner Temple, buried *in ye round* Jan. 20, 1686-7.

EDMOND HERNE, a taylor, buried in ye churchyard Feb. 17, 1686-7.

JOSEPH TULLY of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried *in ye rounds* March 18, 1686-7.

WILLIAM BAGNAL of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried *in ye rounds* April 23, 1687.

RICHARD HALL of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in ye rounds* May 3, 1687.

MACRINA LAPTHORN, an infant, buried *in ye rounds*, May 5, 1687.

THOMAS BRANDON, gent., of ye Inner Temple, buried *in ye rounds* May 15, 1687.

EDWARD EATON buried *in ye rounds of ye Temple church* May 18, 1687.

WILLIAM PEACHY, esq., of ye Inner Temple, buried *in ye rounds* May 21, 1687.

CHARLES COOKE, esq., of ye Inner Temple, was buried *in ye rounds* June 3, 1687.

JOHN ROOTS buried *in ye rounds of ye Temple church* Nov. 25, 1687.

SIR THOMAS HANMER, bencher of ye Inner Temple, buried *in ye rounds* Feb. 17, 1687-8.

THE LADY JOYCE KING buried *in ye Temple church* ye 20th of April, 1688.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE buried *in ye Temple church*, April 28, 1688.

ANTHONY KECK, son to Mr. Anthony Keck, buried *in ye round* May 28, 1688.

ROBERT FORTISCUE of ye Inner Temple, gent., buried June 24, 1688.

JOHN HOW, buried *in the Temple church*, Oct. 25 1688.

SAMUEL HINDE buried *in the Temple church*, Nov. 11, 1688.

JOHN WATERS, gent., buried *in ye Temple church* March 15, 1688-9.

ROBERT HAMPSON, serjeant at law, buried *in Temple church* Dec. 6, 1689.

THOMAS MOSSE, stationer in ye Temple, buried in ye churchyard Jan. 3, 1688-9.

JOHN GLYNN of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in ye vault* April 4, 1689.

NATHANIEL HEXT of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in Temple church* May 28, 1689.

JOHN SPARRY of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in Temple church* June 9, 1689.

JOHN NORMAN buried in the churchyard Aug. 23, 1689.

ELIZABETH STEPHENS buried *in ye Temple church* Aug. 30, 1689.

FRANCIS DAVIS of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried *in ye Temple church* Oct. 5, 1689.

THOMAS JOBBER of ye Inner Temple, esq., buried *in ye rounds* May 26, 1688, forgot to be entred in ye due place.

THOMAS VAUGHAN, esq., a stranger, buried *in ye vault of ye Inner Temple*, 1 Nov. 1689.

SIR JOHN WITHAM of ye Inner Temple buried *in ye vault* Nov. 28, 1689.

SIR WILLIAM WREN of ye Midle Temple buried *in ye vault* Jan. 1, 1689-90.

CHARLES BARTON, esq., of ye Midle Temple buried *in ye vault* Jan. 6, 1689-90.

MR. JOHN WHEELER of ye Inner Temple buried *in ye round* Jan. 28, 1689-90.

WILLIAM GUAVERS, esq., of ye Midle Temple buried *in ye round*, Febr. 1, 1689-90.

JOHN SAUNDERS, esq., buried *in the round*, March 6, 1689-90.

JOHN HOULTON of ye Midle Temple, gent., buried in ye churchyard March 13, 1689-90.

WILLIAM STOKES, esq., of ye Middle Temple buried *in ye vault*, May 18, 1690.

CHRISTOPHER TURNER, esq., buried *in the round*, June 23, 1690.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, esq., buried *in the round* Sept. 13, 1690.

WILLIAM BALL, esq., of ye Middle Temple buried *in ye round*, Oct. 22, 1690.

THOMAS TAVERNER, esq., buried *in ye rounds of ye Temple church* Febr. 26, 1690-1.

SIR JOHN TATE, kt., and serjeant at law, buried *in ye Middle Temple vault*, March 17, 1690-1.

THOMAS RIDGEWAY, esq., of ye Middle Temple, was buried *in ye Middle Temple vault* May 31, 1691.

GRACIOUS CROOKE, wife to Unton Crooke, esq., of ye Inner Temple, buried *in ye vault*, June 8, 1691.

SUSANNA LEE buried *in ye Temple church in ye vault of ye Inner Temple* November ye 9th, 1691.

THO. BRIGSTOCK, esq., of ye Midle Temple buried *in ye vault* December ye 9th, 1691.

ANN BRIDGEMAN buried *in the vault of the Inner Temple* January ye 29th, 1691-2.

JOHN HARBEY, esq., buried *in ye vault of the Inner Temple* February ye 8th 1691-2.

HENRY BROWN gent., of the Inner Temple buried *in the vault* March ye 25th, 1692.

SAMUELL GWILLIM, esq., buried *in the Inner Temple vault* Aprill ye 13th, 1692.

JANE WATERS, wife of John Waters, was buried *in ye round* Aprill ye 30th, 1692.

JOHN ROW, esq., of the Midle Temple, was buried *in the vault* May ye 7th, 1692.

EDMOND POLLEXFON buried *in the Midle Temple vault* May the 24th, 1692.

JOHN HOYLE, esq., of the Inner Temple was buried *in the vault* May ye 29, 1692.

JOHN WATKINS of the Midle Temple, gent., buried *in the round* July ye 3d, 1692.

JOHN FRANCIS, esq., of the Inner Temple buried *in the vault* October ye 14th, 1692.

EDMUND HUSEY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* November the 2d, 1692.

NICHOLAS ARCHBOLD, esq., of the Midle Temple, was buried ye 24th of Janeuary, 1692-3, *in ye vault.*

HENRY WARBERTON was buried in the churchyard the 24th of Janeuary, 1692-3.

RICHARD CROOKE was buried in the Temple churchyard February the 8th, 1692-3.

WILLIAM ROLFE of ye Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in ye vault* March ye 1st, 1692-3.

JOHN MOORE of ye Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in ye vault* Aprill ye 24th, 1693.

JOHN TAYLURE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in ye vault* August ye 12th, 1693.

RALPH SUCKLEY, gent,. was buried *in the vault of ye Temple church* October ye 25th, 1693.

RICHARD ASHFELD, esq., was buried *in the vault of ye Temple church* December ye 31st, 1693.

HANAH KECK was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* January the 27th, 1693-4.

WM. DOLBYN, kt., one of ye judges of ye King's Bench, buried *in ye south isle* January ye 29th, 1693-4.

JOHN TREMEINE, kt., serjant at law, was buried *in the north isle* February ye 23th, 1693-4.

JOSEPH WASHINGTON, esq., was buried *in the vault of ye Temple church* February 28th, 1693-4.

UNTON CROKE, esq., of ye Inner Temple was buried *in the vault* March ye 2d, 1693-4.

JOHN CHOLMLEY of ye Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in ye vault* March ye 2d, 1693-4.

WILLIAM MINERS, cheif buttler of ye Inner Temple was buried *in the round* March ye 25th, 1694.

RICHARD GAMES, esq., of ye Inner Temple, was buried *in the vault* March ye 29th, 1694.

JOHN KING, gent., of the Inner Temple was buried *in the round* Aprill ye 5th, 1694.

ROBERT KNOWLING, esq., of the Inner Temple was buried *in the vault* June the 14th, 1694.

FRANCIS EATON, esq., of the Inner Temple was buried *in the vault* July the 27th, 1694.

JOHN JOLLYFFE, esq., was buried *in the vault on the Middle Temple side* September the 21st, 1694.

GEORGE BARWICK, esq., of the Middle Temple was buried *in the vault* the 20th of October, 1694.

THOMAS HANCOCK of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* the 24th of October, 1694.

THOMAS INGRAM was buried in the churchyard the 16th of January, 1694-5.

SIR WILLIAM THOMPSON, serjeant at law, was buried *in the Temple church* the 25th of January, 1694-5, *on the Midle Temple side.*

WM. BERRY, cheif porter of the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyard ye 3d of May, 1695.

ELIZABETH, the daughter of Richard Baxter, was buried in the churchyard the 3d of May, 1695.

ANN TEMPLE, an infant found in ye Midle Temple was buried in the churchyard the 21st of May, 1695.

HUTTON BYERLEY, esq., of the Middle Temple was buried *in the vault* the 25th of May, 1695.

CHICHESTER YOUNGE, esq., of the Middle Temple, was buried *in the vault* the 5th of August, 1695.

WILLIAM DYKE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* the 11th day of August, 1695.

STEPHEN CRESSER was buried in the Temple churchyard the 29th of September, 1695.

THOMAS SMYTH, buttler of the Inner Temple, was buried the 15th of November, 1693, in ye churchyard.

MR. HENRY MANSFEILD, a stranger, was buried in the Temple churchyard the 16th of December, 1695.

FRANCIS SHERLEY, panyerman of the Inner Temple, buried ye 31st of January, 1695-6, in ye churchyard.

RODGER GILLINGHAM of ye Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in ye vault* ye 3d of Janeuary, 1695-6.

WILLIAM BUCKLE, messenger of the Inner Temple, was buried in ye churchyard 19th of February, 1695-6.

ANDREW BARRY, a stranger, was buried *in the vault of ye church* 20th of February, 1695-6.

ROBERT DANIELL, a child, was buried in the churchyard the 24th of February, 1695-6.

THOMAS BAKER of the Inner Temple was buried in ye churchyard ye 24th of February, 1695-6.

JOHN BARTROP, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyard ye 25th of February, 1695-6.

HUMPHREY COURTNEY, of ye Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in ye vault* the 25th day of March,, 1696.

ANN ARCHBOLD, wife of Nicholas Archbold, esq., was buried *in the vault* ye 1st day of Aprill, 1696.

JOHN VAUGHAN, esq., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* the 15th of June, 1696.

MARY SILVESTER, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyard August ye 11th, 1696.

ELIZABETH BERRY was burried in the Temple churchyard October the 6th, 1696.

GEORGE GILBERT PEARCE of ye Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in ye vault* November ye 20th, 1696.

LAURENCE FERONE, a stranger, was buried in ye churchyard December the 20th, 1696.

HUMPHREY READ, servant to Sir Francis Wythens was buried in the churchyard January ye 3d, 1696-7.

JOHN ORLEBAR, esq., bencher of the Middle Temple was buried *in ye vault* January ye 16th, 1696-7.

JOHN WHEELER, esq., of the Middle Temple, was buried *in the vault* January the 19th, 1696-7.

ELIZABETH VEEL was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* February the 14, 1696-7.

MR. ROBERT FIDO of ye Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* March 24, 1696-7.

MR. NATHANIELL STEVENS was buried *in the Temple church* March 29, 1697.

KATHERINE DANIELL was buried in the Temple churchyard Aprill the 5th, 1697.

WILLIAM JONES, an infant, was buried in the Temple churchyard Aprill the 14th, 1697.

ROBERT ELLIS was buried in the Temple churchyard the 24th of Aprill, 1697.

ROGER GILLINGHAM was buried in the Temple churchyard June the 2d, 1697.

MARY JONES, wife of Edward Jones, was buried in the Temple churchyard July the 8th, 1697.

WILLIAM LOYDE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* the 15 of July, 1697.

MR. DANIELL OSBORNE of the Inner Temple was buried *in the vault* the 31 of July, 1697.

ANN MACHON was buried in the Temple churchyard the 3d day of August, 1697.

JOHN MOYSER, esq., one of the masters of the bench, was buried *in the vault of ye Temple* August ye 13, 1697.

RICHARD WALLOP, esq., one of ye masters of ye bench of ye Middle Temple and barron of the checke was buried *in ye round of the Temple church*, August 26th, 1697.

WILLIAM HOBLYN, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyard the 27 day of August, 1697.

JOHN BARTLETT of the Middle Temple was buried in the churchyard the 9th of September, 1697.

MR. EDWARD ROUS of the Middle Temple was buried *in the round of the Temple* ye 28 of December, 1697.

MR. LOVETT GORING of the Inner Temple was buried *in the round of the church* the 29 of December, 1697.

MR. BULSTRAT WHITELOCK of ye Middle Temple was buried *in the Temple church* January the 7th, 1697-8.

MADAME JANE ETTERICKE was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 27 of February, 1697-8.

MARY SILVESTER was buried in the Temple churchyard March the 1st, 1697-8.

RICHARD GARLAND of the Inner Tem

ple, gent., was buried *in the round* March the 18, 1697-8.

JOHN TEMPLE, a foundling, was buried in the Temple churchyard March 22d, 1697-8.

MR. JOHN BELLAMY, a stranger, was buried *in the Temple church* March the 29, 1698.

MRS. MARY LYDALL was buried *in the Temple church* July the 7th day 1698.

MR. RICHARD YOUNG of the Inner Temple was buried *in the vault* August the 13th, 1698.

JOHN THOMAS was buried in the Temple churchyard November the 4th, 1698.

MR. JOHN BOYCE was buried *in the Temple church* November the 9th, 1698.

ROBERT DANIELL, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyard November the 27th, 1698.

JOHN WEBB, chiefe cooke of ye Middle Temple was buried in the churchyard December the 13th, 1698.

JOHN LEATHWICK, gardiner, was buried in the Temple churchyard December the 29th, 1698.

THOMAS DICKINS of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* December ye 30th, 1698.

JOHN HOGHTON of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* February the 23d, 1698-9.

THOMAS COOKE, a barbar, was buried in the Temple churchyard March the 20th, 1698-9.

THOMAS NURSE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyard Aprill the 20th, 1699.

JAMES BARNES, a stranger, was buried in the Temple churchyard Aprill the 23d, 1699.

JOHN PALGRAVE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* Aprill ye 25th, 1699.

JOSEPH THOMAS was buried in the Temple churchyard June the 12th, 1699.

SAMUELL BAYLEY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church*, June ye 19th, 1699.

PATIANCE DOUNES, an infant, was buried in the Temple churchyard July the 11th, 1699.

MRS. ELIZABETH BATTELEY was buried in the Temple churchyard August the 14th, 1699.

SARAH WOOD, a stranger, was buried in the Temple churchyard August the 20th, 1699.

WILLIAM POTTLE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* August the 21th, 1699.

THOMAS HODGES of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in ye vault of ye Temple church* September ye 6th, 1699.

EDWARD HORNEBY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* September the 12th 1699.

ELIZABETH COGGIN, an infant, was buried in the Temple churchyard September the 13th, 1699.

JOHN GILLINGHAM, a stranger, was buried in the Temple churchyard September the 26th, 1699.

MRS. ANN ARMEGER was buried in the Temple churchyard November the 24th, 1699.

SARAH WELBELOVED, a stranger, was buried in the Temple churchyard December the 16th, 1699.

MR. THOMAS MIDDLETON of New Inn was buried *in the Temple church* January the 25th, 1699-1700.

WILLIAM SQUIRE, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyard January the 22d, 1699-1700.

URSULLA CROE, a stranger, was buried in the Temple churchyard February the 6th, 1699-1700.

THOMAS DOUNES, turnbroach of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyard February ye 26th, 1699-1700.

LUCIUS HARE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* February ye 29th 1699-1700.

ELIZABETH SILVESTER, was buried in the Temple churchyard July the 3d, 1700.

ANN SILVESTER was buried in the Temple churchyard July the 10th, 1700.

JOHN KELBY of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* August the 7th, 1700.

SIR BENJAMIN GOODWIN of the Middle Temple was buried *in the Temple church* September the 12th, 1700.

MATTHEW JOHNSON, an infant, was buried in the Temple churchyard, November the 7th, 1700.

FRANCES TEMPLE, an infant, was buried in the Temple churchyard November the 16, 1700.

CHARLES BAKER of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* December the 9th, 1700.

SIR GEORGE TREYBY, kt., lord chief justice of ye Common Please, buried *in the chancel*, December 16, 1700.

ANDREW CASTEELE was buried in the

Temple churchyard January the 17th, 1700-1.

THOMAS FILLMOORE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault* January the 24th, 1700-1.

TIMS DICKENS was buried *in the Temple church* March the 29th, 1701.

MARY WALLOP was buried *in the Temple church* June the 27th, 1701.

WILLIAM FREEMAN, esq., was buried *in the Temple church*, August the 8th, 1701.

SAMUEL CORBET of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the church* August the 17th, 1701.

MARY TEMPLE, an infant, was buried in the churchyard, August the 25th, 1701.

ANN GILLINGHAM was buried in the churchyard October 16th, 1701.

RICHARD WILLKINSON of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* November 26, 1701.

JANE DANIELL was buried in the churchyard December the 16, 1701.

JOHN COGGIN was buried in ye churchyard December the 21, 1701.

WILLIAM CLARKE was buried in the churchyard the 22 of February, 1701-2.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS was buried in the churchyard Aprill the 19th, 1702.

PAUL MYNERS was buried in the churchyard April 27th, 1702.

RICHARD COOKE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the church* July 18th, 1702.

WILLIAM SQUIRE was buried in the churchyard July the 29th, 1702.

MARTHA ROBIN was buried in the churchyard September the 5th, 1702.

MRS. ELLENOR FREEMAN was buried *in the Temple church* October the 10th, 1702.

NICHOLAS PAGE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* November 10th, 1702.

BARTHOLOMEW VERMUIDEN was buried in the churchyard December 24th, 1702.

ELIZABETH WARDE was buried *in the Temple church* December the 25th, 1702.

RICHARD MERYMAN was buried in the churchyard January the 9th, 1702-3.

KATHERINE WARDE was buried *in the Temple church* January the 30th, 1702-3.

JOHN CHILDE of ye Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault* February 16th, 1702.

GEORGE MELLISH was buried in the churchyard the 24th February, 1702.

MARY BRETTON was buried in the churchyard March the 5th, 1702-3.

FRANCIS HARVEY was buried *in the Temple church* Aprill the 30th, 1703, *on the Middle Temple side.*

MARY ALBROOKE was buried in the Temple churchyard May the 23, 1703.

EDMUND CHADWELL was buried *in the Temple church* June the 2d, 1703.

JOHN BURGES was buried in the Temple churchyard July the 13th, 1703.

ANN DANIELL was buried in ye Temple churchyard August the 31st, 1703.

EDWARD MORE was buried in the Temple churchyard October 17th, 1703.

THOMAS STANLEY of the Middle Temple was buried *in the church* October 31, 1703.

THOMAS LECHMERE of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault*, November 1st, 1703.

WILLIAM WEST was buried in the Temple churchyard January 21, 1703-4.

ELIZABETH CROWDER was buried in the churchyard February the 8th, 1703-4.

MARMADUKE LLOYD of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* February the 14th, 1703-4.

ANN WARD was buried *in the Temple church* the 20th of February, 1703-4.

FRANCIS LLOYD of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* March 13th, 1703-4.

JOHN COGGAN, a child, was buried in ye Temple churchyard March 25, 1704.

MARY JOHNSON, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyard, Aprill 16th, 1704.

WILLIAM SWAINE, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* May the 21, 1704.

ROBERT DANYELL was buried in the Temple churchyard May 22, 1704.

WILLIAM HAMLYN of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault* June 10th, 1704.

THOMAS SILVESTER was buried in the Temple churchyard June the 18th, 1704.

THOMAS CARTHEW, serjant - at - law, buried in the Temple church July 12th, 1704.

WILLIAM KILLINGWORTH, serjant-at-law, buried *in the Middle Temple vault* August 30th, 1704.

JAMES SLONE of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault* November the 9th, 1704.

MARGARET CROWDER was buried in the Temple churchyard November the 17, 1704.

MRS. CATHERINE BUCK was buried *in the Temple church* December the 29th, 1704.

JOHN CROWDER, an infant, buried in the churchyard January the 2d, 1704-5.

JOHN BERESFORD of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* the 13th of February, 1704-5, forme the parish of St. Cleament Deanes.

JOAN GARDINER, wife of John Gardiner, was buried in the Temple churchyard the 5th of March, 1704-5, frome her house in the Inner Temple.

GEORGE BERRY, cheife butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyard the 10th day of March, 1704-5.

WILLIAM MARSH of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* the 12th day of Aprill, 1705.

JAMES JEFFS of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* the 24th day of Aprill, 1705, frome the parish of St. Giles, Criplegate, London.

JOHN KENNETT of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* the 30th day of May, 1705.

ANN TEMPLE, a child found in the Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 25th of July, 1705.

ANN GARDINER of the parish of St. Clement's Deanes was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 11th day of November, 1705.

HENRY SILVESTER, son of John Silvester of Whitefryers, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 20th of November, 1705.

MR. RICHARD WARD, son of John Ward, esq., of the Inner Temple, was buried the 5th of February, 1705-6, *in the round of the Temple church.*

JOHN LEVITT of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church* the 5th day of March, 1705-6, from his chamber in the Inner Temple.

JOHN LLOYD of the Inner Temple, esq., son of the late Bishop of Norwich, was buried *in the Temple church* the 10th day of March, 1705-6, from Exeter Change in St. Clement's parish.

MARY JOHNSON, daughter of Matthew Johnson, cheife butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyeard March 14th, 1705-6, frome his house in Whitefryers.

ROBERT NORRIS, the son of William Norris, butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the churchyerd the 2d of Aprill, 1706, frome his house in Whitefryers.

ANN FORD, a infant found in the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 5th of Aprill, 1706.

ROBERT BRITTON of the precinct of Whitefryers, was buried *in the Temple church* the 14th of Aprill, 1706.[1]

HENRY PURBRICK, servant to Mr. Pemberton of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 22th of July, 1706.

WILLIAM NORRIS, son of William Norris, butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 6th day of August, 1706.

ELIZABETH NORRIS, daughter of William Norris, butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 16th day of August, 1706.

DEBORAH NORRIS, daughter of William Norris, butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 24 of August, 1706.

MATTHEW JOHNSON, son of Matthew Johnson, butler of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 6th day of October, 1706.

NICHOLAS WILLMOTT of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 14th of December, 1706.

WILLIAM SPENCER, esq., a stranger, was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* upon Sunday the 19th of January, 1706-7, Middle Temple side.

HENRY MORDAUNT, of the parish of St. Giles in the Feilds in the county of Middlesex, was buried *in the Temple church* the 4th day of February, 1706-7.

JOHN CRESSETT of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 22th of February, 1706-7.

THE LADY ELIZABETH MORDAUNT was buried *in the round of the Temple church* upon Thursday the 6th of March, 1706-7.

JOHN MORRIS of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 22th of March, 1706-7.

WILLIAM PENDRED was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 2d of Aprill, 1707.

CATHERINE DUMEANE, wife of Anthony Dumeane, the under-porter of the Middle Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard, the 2d of May, 1707.

ALEXANDER STAPLES, esq., was buried *in the Temple church* the 7th day of June, 1707.

JOHN BERRY, servant to Mr. Robert Podmore, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 14th day of June, 1707.

MARGERET CRESSER, the wife of Stephen

[1] Marginal note here as follows :—Mr. Britton was the first that was buried after Mr. Sherlocke was made master of the Temple.

Cresser, was buried in the churchyeard the 15th of July, 1707.

CRISTOPHER WILKINSON was buried in Temple churchyeard the 16th of July, 1707.

MARY WISE, the wife of Francis Wise of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 17th of September, 1707.

WILLIAM PETYT, esq., bencher of the Inner Temple, was buried *in the Temple* (*sic*) upon Thursday the 9th of October, 1707.

WILLIAM MASEMORE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the Temple church in the valt of the Middle Temple side* upon Thursday, the 20th of November, 1707.

ELIZABETH BARNARD was buried in the Temple churchyeard tne 7th of Aprill, 1708.

THE RIGHT HONBLE. HENRY RIDGWAY, LORD GALLON, was buried *in the vault of the Temple church of the Middle Temple side* the 10th day of Aprill, 1708.

WILLIAM DAVIES, servant to Walter Williams, esq., was buried in the Temple churchyard the 19th of May, 1708.

MR. THOMAS ELWYN of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* upon Thursday the 15th of July, 1708.

WALTER WILLIAMS of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* upon Wednesday the 15th of September, 1708.

ELIZABETH ELLIOTT was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 22th of September, 1708.

NICHOLAS VEEL of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* the 15th of October, 1708, *on the Inner Temple side.*

ROBERT NORRIS, the steward of the Inner Temple man (*sic*), was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 19th of October, 1708.

THOMAS GLEAVE of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 5th of November, 1708.

WILLIAM DRAGE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 18th of November, 1708, *on the Middle Temple side.*

MARY WALTHO was buried in the Tem ple churchyard the 28th of November, 1708.

MARGERY EVANS, meade servant to Mr. Skiner, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 14th of December, 1708.

THOMAS GAMON was buried in the Temple churchyard the 19th of December, 1708.

MRS. DOROTHY TOWSE was buried *in the round of the Temple church* upon Tuesday the 11th of January, 1708-9.

JOHN RADOCKE, servant to Mr. Pemberton, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 25th of January, 1708-9, by Mr. Jackson.

ANTHONY DEMAINE, under-porter to the honble. societie of the Middle Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 25th of February, 1708-9.

WILLIAM NORRIS, butler of the honble. societie of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 17th of March, 1708-9.

MARY GIBBONS was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 7th day of Aprill, 1709.

JOHN RICHARDSON of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 16th of Aprill, 1709.

MARGARET PENDRED, dishwasher to the honble. societie of the Inner Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 19th day of Aprill, 1709.

JOHN CHURCHILL of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round part of the Temple church* the 27th day of May, 1709.

DAME MARY THOMPSON was buried *in the Temple church* the 16th of August, 1709, *in her husband's grave in the north isle.*

JOSHUA GODFRY, clarke to Mr. Dummer, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 13th of September, 1709.

THOMAS HALE was buried *in the vault of the Temple church on the Middle Temple side* the 28th of September, 1709.

THOMAS HASTINGS was buried in the Temple churchyard the 5th of March, 1709-10.

DRAPER DUNYNG of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church on the Inner Temple side* the 24th of March, 1709-10.

SARAH BLOCKSOM was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 30th of Aprill, 1710.

SARAH CLAYTON was buried in the Temple churchyeard the second day of May, 1710.

MATHEW BRAMLEY AND ELIZABEATH BRAMLEY was (*sic*) buried in the Temple churchyard the second day of May, 1710, both in one coffin.

MATHEW COCKE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 27th of June, 1710.

ALEXANDER WEBBER of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church of the Inner Temple side* the 11th of August, 1710.

GEORGE WENYEVE of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 18th of August, 1710.

ADAM MORTESHELL of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the round of the Temple Church* upon Sunday the 20th of August, 1710.

FRANCIS SAMBROOK of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 18th of October, 1710.

THOMAS WARD, a young childe, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 25th of December, 1710.

GEORGE SEELEY was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 31th day of December, 1710.

JOANE CLARKE was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 6th day of February, 1710-11.

CATHERINE ALLIN was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 27th day of February, 1710-11.

JAMES BUCK of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 1st day of March, 1710-11.

JOHN SANDERS of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 7th day of March, 1710-11.

SUSAN SMYTH was buried in the Temple churchyard the 14th day of March, 1710-11.

WALTER JEFFREYS was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 27th of March, 1711.

JOHN BLYTH was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 16th of Aprill, 1711.

THOMAS LAKE of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church on the Middle Temple side* upon Sunday the 27th of May, 1711.

FRANCES HODDER, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyeard August the 30th, 1711.

ALEXANDER GARDINER, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 9th of December, 1711.

FRANCIS ST. AUBIN, a stranger, was buried *in the Temple church* upon the 15th day of December, 1711.

MARY COCK was buried *in the round of the Temple church* upon the 19th day of January, 1711-12.

JAMES BARNETT was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 20th day of January, 1711-12.

NICHOLAS HIDE of the Middle Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church on the Middle Temple side* the 16th of February, 1711-12.

SARAH WOLTHO, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyard the 1st day of Aprill, 1712.

WILLIAM MORGAN was buried *in the Temple church* the 6th of June, 1712.

THOMAS STURMY of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* upon Sunday the 17th of August, 1712.

THOMAS MACHON, butler of the Middle Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 29th of August, 1712.

CROKE DODD of the Inner Temple, gent., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* the 31th of October, 1712.

ASTEN RODES, a child, was buried in the churchyeard the 7th of November, 1712.

THOMAS AINSWORTH, butler of the Middle Temple, was buried in the Temple churchyerd the 24 of December, 1712.

SUSANA DUNING was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 5th of February, 1712-13, *on the Inner Temple side.*

SAMUELL CARTER of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 8th day of March, 1712-13.

THOMAS WARD, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 31th of March, 1713.

THOMAS GRIFFIN was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 16th day of May, 1713.

RICHARD VAUGHAN, a child, was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 20th of May, 1713.

JOHN GRESHAM was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 21th of May, 1713.

WILLIAM HAYES was buried *in round of the Temple church* the 18th day of June, 1713.

JOHN WOLLASTON, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 21th of July, 1713.

SARAH CORBETT, a stranger, was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 24th of July, 1713.

THOMAS JOHNSON was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 21th of July, 1713.

EDWARD JONES, butler, was buried in the Temple churchyard the 12 of August, 1713.

JOHN BARNARD of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried in the Temple churchyard the 22d of September, 1713.

ANTHONY KECK of the Inner Temple, esq., was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* the 7th of January, 1713-14.

JOHN GREENE was buried in the Temple churchyeard the 8th day of January, 1713-14.

CHRISTOPHER CONSTANTINE of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the rounds of the Temple church* the 28th day of January, 1713-14.

BARNABASE TONSTALL of the Middle Temple, esq., was buried *in the round of the Temple church* the 21 of March, 1713-14.

HENRY HATSELL, esq., barron of the Exchequar, was buried *in the vault of the Temple church* the 10th day of Aprill, 1714.

FRANCIS WISE, gent., was buried in the Temple churchyard the 7th day of May, 1714.

SARAH FARLOW, a child, was buried in the churchyard September 1st, 1714.

MRS. ANNE ROSSERE was buried in churchyard 24 day October, 1714.

JOHN LEADBEATTER, esq., of the Inner Temple was buried in the Temple churchyard on the 24 of November, 1714.

ROGER DUNCOMB out of the Inner Temple was buried *in the round of the Temple church* on the 15th day of December, 1714.

FRANCIS RHODES was buried in the Temple churchyard the 19 day of December, 1714.

APPENDIX No. II.

ARGUMENT BY SIR HENEAGE FINCH AS TO THE TEMPLE BEING WITHOUT THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF LONDON. A.D. 1669.

Inner Temple Library, Petyt MSS., No. 538, *vol.* 17, *fol.* 388.

In[1] this question between the Temple and the City there are two things considerable,

1. The right prætended to on each side.
2. The way and means of asserting that right.

1. As to the point of right these things may be fitt to be consider'd.

1. What is not the Question.
2. What the grounds are upon which the Temple claym to be exempted from the jurisdiction of the City.
3. Upon what grounds the City do oppose that clayme.
4. The great inconveniences if the priviledge of the Temple be not in some measure continued.
5. The no inconvenience to the City by the continuance of it.

I. First then it is not the question whether the Temple be in London, that is confest of all hands, much less is it a question of personall respect or disrespect to the Lord Maior and Aldermen that now are, for never was the City governed by a maior and aldermen more known and better respected then every one of these are. But

[1] At the top right-hand corner of MS. is written "Finch's Argum[t] J[oshua] B[lew]."

the true question is whether the Temple, though in London, be not a place exempted from their jurisdiction as many other places in London heretofore were, and as at this day some are, viz :—St. Martins le Grand, etc.

II. Now the Temple conceive themselves to be exempted upon these grounds.

1. They doubt not to prove that the soyl whereupon the Inner Temple and most part of the Middle Temple stands, was antiently exempted when it was in the possession of the Knights Templars.
2. That by their dissolution it came to Thomas, Earle of Lancaster and Leycester, as belonging to the Honour of Leycester and continued exempted till by Act of Parliament, it was settled on the Hospitellers, who held it exempted till the dissolution.
3. That by the dissolution of monasterys it came to the Crown and continued there as a separate Franchise till the pattent of 6th Jacobi.
4. That by the pattent of King James the soyl is granted away with generall words sufficient to revive and continue all antient priviledges.
5. That accordingly the Temple hath enjoyed y^e^ priviledge ever since the dissolution of monasterys, though all occasions of bringing this point into question have been avoyded on both sides, as much as might be.
6. That in the late times when the government was by an army and great courtship made to the City, yet they were never suffered to exercise any kind of authority in the Temple.

III. The reasonablnes of this will better appear if it be considered upon what grounds the City claime a jurisdiction in the Temple, which are very weak. For

1. The City have no Charter which by any express words puts this place under their power, and the meer scituation in London will not do it if there be a right of exemption.
2. They have expresse words in the charter granted by King James by which Coleherbert, Smithfield, Blackfriers, and White-friers are added to their jurisdiction which shews that without these speciall words the exemptions, which the antient monasterys enjoyed, had still continued.
3. That which is yet more remarkable is, That the pattent granted by King James to the City of London bears date 14 dayes after the Grant made to the Temple, and therefore no generall words in the City Charter can subject y^e^ Temple which was exempted before.

IV. The inconveniences were insupportable if there should be a right in the City of jurisdiction in the Temple,

1. Where the City hath a right of jurisdiction, they may by Act of Comon Councell impose taxes, make parish Officers, Scavengers, etc.
2. If the City have jurisdiction in the Temple, a pleint entered in the Counter, without his Majesties writ, will be a sufficient warant to arrest any man in the Temple, Then can no debtor in a long vacation come to a lawyer's chamber for counsell.
3. No lawyer can sit safe in his study for he by his profession is bound to keep his chamber doors open, and then any City officer may come in and fetch him out of his study and carry him to prison.
4. Many lawyers are trusted with keeping of the evidences of divers gentlemen, but if the City have a jurisdiction they may by a pretended execution in a long vacation, take all the books and trunks in a lawyer's chamber, and so many may come to loose their evidences.
5. This at last must dissolve the societyes of the Temples and cause all students to admitt themselves of Lincoln's Inn or Gray's Inn out of my Lord Maior's reach.

V. The City suffers no inconvenience by the continuance of this priviledge. For

1. 'Tis not a priviledge against his Maj^{tys} writts nor against any commands of the Great Seal but onely against y^{e} sergeants, bailiffs and officers of the Counter.
2. Even in these cases it is familiar upon due application made and leave obtained to connive at the proceedings.
3. Where leave cannot be had to do that, yet a process of outlary is never resisted, for that is his Ma^{tys} suit and contains in itselfe a *Non omittas propter aliquam libertatem* so the creditor is at no great delay.
4. If it be said that sometimes bankrupts are sheltered here, that may be said as well against the Libertie of S^{t} Martin's le Grand, and indeed against all liberties. But 'tis denyed that ever there were three cases of that nature, for upon information to the benchers that they are no members of this society, they are usually delivered up.

So 'tis conceived upon the whole matter that the claims made by the Temple to this priviledge are either very justifiable or at least very excusable.

In the last place as to the wayes and meanes which have been used in asserting this right it is humbly prayed.

1. That the right it selfe may not receive any prejudice or diminution by any ill circumstance in the defence of it.

2. If anything have been done against y^e^ lawes of hospitality or good manners they beg pardon for it with all the submissions that can be. But they hope the contrary will appear, and that my Lord Maior had notice the ceremony was not adjusted and was desired to stay away.
3. Most of the persons who are now sommoned are perfectly innocent, knew nothing of the matter before it begun, did little or nothing in it when it was begun, and are onely guilty of not taking part against a collegiat society into which they stand so lately admitted.
4. All of them do most humbly cast themselves at his Ma^ties^ feet and pray they may not be lookt on as contemners of his authority in defence of which they are ready to sacrifice their lives.

APPENDIX NO. III.

A BOOK OF THE EVIDENCES AND OTHER WRITINGS CONCERNING THE INNER TEMPLE.

Inner Temple Muniments.

28 Charles II., A.D. 1675-6, Feb. 29. Indenture made between Francis, Lord Hawley, Sir Charles Harbord, knt., his Majesty's surveyor general, Sir William Haward of Tannridge in the county of Surrey, knt., Sir John Talbott of Lacock in the county of Wilts, knt., and William Harbord of Grafton Park in the county of Northampton, esq., surviving trustees for the sale of fee farm rents and other rents, of the first part, John Lindsay of London, goldsmith, of the second part, and the hon. Daniel Finch, Heneage Finch, and William Finch, esquires, sons of Heneage, Lord Finch, baron of Daventry and lord high chancellor of England, of the third part, Reciting that whereas by several Acts of Parliament and Letters Patent divers fee farm and other rents were vested in the said Francis Lord Hawley and others amongst which rents was all that annual or fee farm rent of ten pounds reserved out of all that inn, capital messuage, and building, called the Inner Temple, London, within Temple Bar, granted by Letters Patent of 13 August, 6 James I, to Sir Julius Cæsar and others under the said yearly rent of ten pounds. And whereas the said rent of ten pounds was amongst other things settled in the King's consort Queen Katherine for life as parcel of her jointure, and whereas John Lindsay had contracted for the purchase of the said rent, but in consideration of the sum of four score pounds, paid by the said Daniel Finch, Heneage Finch, and

William Finch out of the treasury of the Inner Temple has directed the said trustees to convey the said rent to the said Daniel Finch, Heneage Finch, and William Finch. The indenture witnesses that the said Francis, Lord Hawley and others of the first part, in consideration of seventy-eight pounds one shilling and eleven pence and by the direction of the said John Lindsay have granted bargained and sold to the said Daniel Finch, Heneage Finch and William Finch and their heirs all the said annual rent or fee farm rent of ten pounds reserved out of the Inner Temple, London, situate and being in the suburbs of the city of London within Temple Bar, and the reversion and remainder of the said rent, to hold the same for ever, provided always that it shall be lawful for the Queen, her officers, and assigns, during the term of her life, to receive the said rent as beneficially as she might have done before the making of these presents.

APPENDIX NO. IV.

INNER TEMPLE GRACE BOOK.

We find by the table of contents, that this volume formerly contained, amongst other things, certain graces which are now lost; there are, however, two graces, inserted in a later hand, to which reference is made later on. The folios of this book are of parchment; many of them are now missing, and some of those that remain are stained with galls and other liquids and are rubbed, probably from constant use in the hall. Unfortunately in the process of the numerous rebindings which the work has undergone, the margins have been cut down so that the MS. has been in places destroyed. It is in the writing of two hands, both probably of about 1505, the date of the death of John Nethersole, in memory of whom the book, according to a note hereafter referred to, was provided. The earlier part, containing introductory explanations of the tables and kalendars which follow, judging from the English used, was probably copied from an earlier MS. The handwriting of this portion is regular and good, in the rest of the book it is ordinary. In the introductory explanations there is one four line initial letter in dark blue, with good penwork in red, and with a penwork ornament in red and blue running down the left hand side of the page. There are four two-line initial letters in blue with penwork in red. The letters KL., for *Kalendæ* for each month in the kalendar, are in blue with red penwork, all of them being of the same design.

The following is a copy of the Table of Contents; against

such entries as are now entirely missing an asterisk has been placed:[1]

Primo regula ad declarandum kalendare sequens per quod poteris cognoscere numerum dierum, initium surgentis aurore, ortus solis, gradus signorum horas planetarum, et diversa alia, ut apparet in dicto kalendario, folio 1.

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[1] The following folios are now missing, 10 to 15, 19 to 28, 31, 36, 63, 67 to 82, 85, and 90, all inclusive.

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JANUARIUS

In Jano claris calidis que cibis pociaris
Atque decens potus post fercula sit tibi notus
Ledit enim medo tunc potus uti bene credo
Balnea tute intres et venam scindere curres

FEBRUARIUS

Nascitur occulta febris Februerio multa
Potibus et escis si caute imunere velis
Tunc cave frigora de pollice funde cruorem
Suge mellis favum pectoris qui morbos curabit

Marcius

Marcius humores gignit variosque dolores
Sume cibum pure cocturas si placet ure
Balnea sunt sana sed que superflua vana
Vena nec abdenda nec pocio sit tribuenda

Aprilis

Hic probat in vere vires Aprilis habere
Cuncta renascuntur pori tunc aperiuntur
In quo scalpescit corpus sanguis quoque crescet
Ergo solvatur venter cruorque minuatur

Mayus

Mayo secure laxari sit tibi cure
Scindatur vena sed balnea dantur amena
Cum calidis rebus sint fercula seu speciebus
Potibus astricta sit salvia cum benedicta

Junius

In Junio gentes potabit medo bibentes
Atque novellarum fuge potus cervisiarum
Ne noceat colera valet hec refectio vera
Lactuce frondes ede jejunus bibe fontes

Julius

Qui vult solamen Julio probat medicamen
Venam non scindat nec ventrem pocio ledat
Sompnum compescat et balnea cuncta pavescat
Prodest recens unda allium cum salvia munda

Augustus

Quisquis sub Augusto vivit medicamine justo
Raro dormitet essum coitum quoque vitet
Balnea non curet nec multum comestio duret
Nemo laxari debet vel fleubotomari

Septembir

Fructus maturi Septembris sunt valituri
Et pira cum vino panis cum lacte caprino
Aqua de urtica tibi pocio fertur amica
Tunc venam pandas species cum semine mandas

OCTOBER

October vina prebet cum carne ferina
Nec non aucina caro valet et volucrina
Quamvis sint sana tamen est replecio vana
Quantum vis comede sed non precordia lede.

NOVEMBER

Hoc scire tibi datur quod reuma Novembris curatur
Que nociva vita tua sint preciosa dicta
Balnea cum venere tunc nullum constat habere
Pocio sit sana atque minutio bona

DECEMBIR.

Sane sunt membris res calide mense Decembris
Frigus vitetur capitalis vena scindatur
Locio sit vana sed vasis potacio cara
Sit tepidus potus frigoris contrarius totus

After the kalendar and tables is the following note in the handwriting of Joshua Blew, butler of the Inner Temple during the early part of the eighteenth century:

"Provided that on festival dayes whenne it shall happen the mayster of the Temple to be present that then the Grace to be referred to his seying.

"And if the Grace Book be not sett on the borde that then the botelers to forfeit every oon of them a penny to be paid incontinent to hym being present that shulde say grace whereof *1d.* shall be geven to a poor man to pray for the soule of the seyde John Nethersole, etc.

"According to the ordinaunce thys present boke is made for a remembrance the xxjst yere of King Henry VIIth and the year of our Lorde 1505 as above."

On a slip of paper pasted into the book are two graces in the same hand. They are here given as spelt by Blew.

"Sit nomen Domini benedictum.

"Blessed be y^{e} name of y^{e} Lord.

"Ante prandium dicatur sic.

"Benedicite Dominus.

"Oculi omnium in te spectant, Domine, et tu das escam illorum in tempore opportuno. Apertis tu manum tuam et imples omne animal benedictione tua.

"Gloria Patri et Filio et Spititui Sancto.

"Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in secula seculorum, Amen.

"Curieleyson, Christeleyson Curieleyson.

"Pater noster: Et ne nos inducas in tentationem sed libera nos a malo.

"OREMUS.

"Benedic, Domine, nos, et dona tua, quæ de tua largitate sumus sumpturi per Christum Dominum nostrum, Amen.

"POST PRANDIUM.

"Deus pacis et dilectionis maneat semper nobiscum—tu autem Domine miserere nostri—Deo Gratias."

This volume was superseded by the present Grace Book in Hilary term, 1830.

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